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of
Lamine Baptist Association
of Missouri*

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LAMINE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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BIBLICAL BEGINNINGS OF ASSOCIATIONS

In the Acts of the Apostles we have the historical account of the growth and development of Christianity from the ascension of Jesus Christ until the imprisonment of the Apostle Paul in Rome, a period of some thirty years. Someone has said the book might have been called the Acts of the Holy Spirit since it begins with the special coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and records the deeds of spirit filled men as they earnestly sought to carry out the commission of their risen Lord.

The church at Jerusalem grew rapidly. Persecutions came and the Christians were scattered. By the time of the period discussed in Chapter 9, Verse 31, there were many churches. It is said that following the conversion of Saul the persecutor, the churches were edified and multiplied. However, these churches came to have some problems in their understandings of Christian doctrine, their relationships and their mission in the world.

In Acts 15:1-35, we have the account of what has often been referred to as the council at Jerusalem. At least two churches, the church at Antioch and the church at Jerusalem, came together in an association, or associated themselves together for the primary purpose of dealing with or seeking a solution to a problem of mutual interest.

Thus we have recorded in our scripture reading what may be referred to as the historical or biblical beginnings of associationalism. The church at Antioch sent messengers to the church at Jerusalem. They met, prayed, read or quoted scripture, debated, exchanged ideas and sought the leadership of the Holy Spirit in solving their mutual problem. The scripture says the problem was resolved to the satisfaction of the whole assembly.

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"BACKGROUND"

Hannah (Allison) Cole, widow of William Temple Cole and her children and Stephen Cole and his wife, Phoebe (Allison) Cole, and their children made the first settlement in what is now Cooper County in 1810. During the War of 1812 the Hannah Cole Fort was erected, as a place of defense, on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River.

We learn from early histories of Cooper County that at the close of the war the immediate need for which the fort was built ceased but other useful purposes were found for it. It served for many years as a place of divine worship conducted by Peter Woods, a Baptist preacher. He also held services later in 1811 in Hannah Cole's cabin. Hannah Cole, like Lydia of old, opened her home and it became a place of worship. Other pioneer expounders of the Baptist faith, who preached at the fort in later years, were David McLain, Luke Williams and James Savage.

Luke Williams was born in the colony of Virginia, August 5, 1776. He was ordained in Kentucky while living on Clear Fork. He came to Missouri in 1816 and located five miles west of Boonville. He died September 5, 1824, and was buried near his home in Cooper County. He was a close friend of Peter Woods who conducted his funeral. Luke Williams is a descendant of Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island (from the Kansas City Star, March 1, 1953).

Peter Woods was born in Greenbriar County, Virginia, March 20, 1762 and was ordained in Madison County, Kentucky in 1795. He settled in Cooper County, Missouri in 1819 where he died September 19, 1825 while pastor at Mt. Nebo.

Luke Williams, Peter Woods, John Longan and other pioneer preachers were outstanding men as they were instrumental in organizing many of the early churches and made a large contribution to the work. We honor these men who laid the foundation for the Baptist denomination in Lamine Association and the present organization stand as a memorial to the labors of many faithful Christians who have served and sacrificed to the glory of God through the years.

Religious services were held from time to time in other homes of the settlers or, whenever convenient, in some school-house. A story that shows us some of the difficulties the early settlers encountered in their worship services comes to

us from Levens and Drake, "History of Cooper County", written in 1876. Margaret (Moore) Stephens, wife of Lawrence Cole Stephens tells of the first church service she attended which was held in the home of one of the settlers. Luke Williams, the preacher, was dressed in a complete suit of buckskin and a great many in the audience were dressed in the same style. At this meeting, grease from the bear meat stored in the loft above the congregation dripped down and soiled her nice Sunday shawl which was a fine one brought from North Carolina and which could not be replaced in this country.

The first permanent Baptist Church organized in Missouri was Bethel, in 1806 in Cape Girardeau County. The first association formed was in 1816, in southeast Missouri and was called Bethel Association. The second Association that was organized was in 1817 and was called the Missouri but it is now called the St. Louis Association. The third association organized was at Mt. Pleasant Church in Howard County, July 25, 1818. Out of compliment to the church it was named Mt. Pleasant Association. This association was composed of the following churches: Mt. Pleasant, Concord, Salem, Mt. Zion and Bethel.

In accordance with the resolution of the Mt. Pleasant Association, and of the churches dismissed from the body, the Concord Association was organized in October, 1823 at Mt. Nebo Church in Cooper County. Letters from eight churches were read: Concord, Big Bottom, Pisgah, Mt. Nebo, Double Springs, Big Lick, Union and Mt. Pleasant with 325 members and contributions \$21.00. Peter Woods was chosen moderator and Jordan O'Bryan clerk. Ebenezer Rodgers preached the introductory sermon. Some of the pastors were Luke Williams, J. B. Longan, David Allee, Peter Woods and Jacob Chism.

Forty-one baptisms and 359 members were reported at the session in 1824 held at Big Lick Church in Cooper County. At this meeting the association subscribed money and deposited it in the hands of William Savage for the purpose of paying the remaining balance due on the land on which the widow of Elder Luke Williams deceased lived. If there was more money subscribed and paid into the hands of Brother Savage, he shall appropriate it to the use of the family. Elder Williams had died a short time before the meeting.

The first church organized in the county was Concord

Baptist Church May 10, 1817, northeast of Bunceton. This church has been inactive since about 1919.

The second church organized was Mt. Nebo Baptist Church June 3, 1820. They celebrated their sesquicentennial June 28, 1970.

During the early days school buildings were often used for worship and Circuit Riders used the Washington school building, near Boonville as a place to preach. In lieu of preparing a sermon these preachers often read lengthy oratorical addresses written by others. These did not impress children. One small boy rebelled at going to hear a Brother who had this habit. When questioned, he said, "I'd rather hear somebody preach by guess".

During the following years the churches in Concord Association flourished both spiritually and in numbers but they felt that the work of Missions, that work primarily, for which the association was organized — was very much neglected and that the immense size of the association was such as to render it impossible for the Executive Board to supply the destitution. Some of the churches therefore decided to withdraw and form a smaller association.

Page 5 of the Concord Annual Minutes for 1872 reads, "The Concord Association of United Baptists was held with the Liberty Church, Moniteau County about six miles southwest of Tipton, September 18-20, 1872". The minutes of this meeting state that Friday morning September 20, 1872, B. G. Tutt presented the following which was read and adopted: To the Delegates of the Concord Association assembled with the church at Liberty: "Believing it to be to the best interest of the cause of Christ to divide the present association, we respectfully ask for letters of dismissal from your body, to organize another association" Signed by delegates of Concord, Versailles, Freedom, Big Buffalo, Mt. Nebo, Mt. Carmel, Upper Gravois, Otterville, Antioch, Choteau, Bethlehem, Florence, Hopewell, New Concord and Chancey's Chapel Churches.

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"A PERIOD OF BEGINNINGS 1872-1899"

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A preliminary meeting was held Friday, September 20th. The meeting was called to order by B. C. Clark. On motion, T. V. Greer was appointed moderator and J. V. Allee, secretary. A committee of three was appointed to prepare a constitution for the government of this body. A committee was appointed to nominate an executive board. Adjourned to meet at Freedom Church, October 31, 1872, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

At that time and place was held the first meeting of Lamine Association. It was named by B. C. Clark taking the name from the river which is the principal drain of the country embraced within its limits. Practically all the churches which had been dismissed from Concord Association were represented at this meeting, but it seems not all went into the organization at this time. About twelve churches were represented in its organization but in a year or two the number was swelled to more than twenty. At the first meeting T. V. Greer was elected the first moderator and served three years; J. V. Allee and B. G. Tutt, secretaries; and C. K. Cullors, treasurer. The annual sermon was by B. G. Tutt from Proverbs 11:30 "He that winneth souls is wise". A request was read from Florence Church, asking the association to ordain and set apart L. J. Baughman to the ministry. The request was granted and he was ordained on Friday morning after examination by Elder T. V. Greer, with reference to his call to the ministry and doctrinal views which were found satisfactory. 91 baptisms and 1015 members were reported, contributions \$1302.

In 1873 the Association was held with Bethlehem Church October 24th and 25th. Letters were read from the churches. Letters of admission were presented by Flat Creek, Peninsula, Smithton, Beulah, (This is the Beulah which later became Syracuse Baptist Church.) Boonville and Sedalia Churches and were received into the association and the hand of fellowship extended to their delegates by the moderator. The committee on Sunday Schools called attention to the deplorable fact that no Sunday Schools have been reported in the letters to the association and insisted that each church should organize and maintain a Sunday School and report annually to the association. The association had a missionary on the field most of the time and

reported 130 baptisms. Twenty churches reported. The churches were requested to send two delegates to the Sunday School Convention to be held at Concord Church in Cooper County on Saturday before the third Sunday in December, 1873.

In 1874, the association met with the Mt. Nebo Church October 23rd. There was a feeling that the churches do not show that degree of progress which we might reasonably expect and felt there were several causes for this, namely: Lack of discipline in our churches, many of our ministers are compelled to preach to four or more churches during the year. They come in contact with their people only once a month and sometimes not more than once in two or three months and we as members do not feel our responsibility in "being faithful in all things". The reports show more interest being shown in Sunday School work. The Executive Board reported that Rev. T. V. Greer was appointed missionary at a salary of \$50.00 per month. Amount collected for missionary purposes \$285.60. There were 65 baptisms reported.

The association met with Concord Church in 1875. Mt. Olive Church was received for membership. Money raised for Missions \$113.70. The Lamine Bible School Institute held an interesting meeting in connection with the association. It was determined that an unusual effort should be made to advance the Sunday School work this year. M. L. Laws was elected moderator and served five years.

In 1876 the association met with Flat Creek Church in Pettis County. Pilot Grove and Oak Grove were received into the association. The Bible Institute held its fifth annual meeting in connection with the association. One of the main features was a "Model Sabbath School" held on the Sabbath morning by Deacon J.M. Morton which was both interesting and profitable.

The association met in 1877 at the Otterville Baptist Church. Again the emphasis was on Bible Schools and the committee reported that there were many Bible Schools in our midst but we should adopt the motto of the Missouri Baptist Sabbath School Convention: "A Baptist Sabbath School in every Baptist Church". Elder J. E. Sims was employed as the missionary. Baptisms reported 109; money raised for Missions \$191.15. Every church sent in some contribution for printing the minutes but some was much too small. The cost of printing the minutes is nearly five cents per copy and as they are distributed according to the amount sent in, some churches will receive very few.

The regular meeting of the Bible School Institute met in connection with the association. It was decided to have call Meetings each fifth Sabbath beginning on Friday. Five pages of advertisement were part of the minutes this year.

In 1878 the association met with the Pilot Grove Church. After much discussion on Missions a Collection was taken amounting to \$38.50 and pledges \$169.90. Elder J. E. Sims was employed as missionary at a salary of \$40.00 per month to labor in destitute parts. Baptisms reported 100; collected for Missions \$209.50. \$563.80 was raised for all purposes, far more than was raised at any previous year. 21 churches reported. During these seven years there has been a growing interest in the Bible School work. The Bible School Institute has been organized and it has done good work. To Bro. M. L. Laws, we are indebted for the idea under which the Institute operates - Bible Study. Not simply a Sunday School but gathering the people together to hear the Word of the Lord. During singing the parting hand was given, after which the association was led in prayer by Bro. L. B. Ely and thus closed by far the best session the body has ever had; for which we thank God and take courage.

In 1879 the association met at Freedom. Salem, Proctor Creek, Pleasant Hill and Big Gravois presented letters and asked for admission. The letters were referred to a committee on new churches which reported they examined the Articles of Faith of said churches and finding them in faith with our common brotherhood, they were received into the association. Elder J. E. Sims and D. N. Horn were employed as evangelists. Baptisms reported 172. Collected for Missions \$150.00. Present membership 1639.

The association met at Peninsula in 1880. A committee on obituaries was appointed for the first time. Bro. R. F. Driskell was appointed missionary at a salary of \$40.00 per month and the work has prospered. He recommends laboring with the weak churches and destitute areas. We learn that Upper Gravois, Lower Gravois and Oak Grove Churches practice foot washing in connection with the Lord's Supper and that others will likely do the same soon. Oh! Brethren, let us pray the Lord of the harvest to give us more love, more money and more laborers that the harvest may be gathered. Baptisms 156. Contributions \$254.75. The Central Baptist was recommended as a family paper. It has always been true to all our denomi-

national interests – for fifteen years the devoted servant of the denomination. The committee on obituaries reported that Bro. Thomas V. Greer died at Otterville, December 17, 1879. For about forty years he was a most acceptable minister of the gospel. He was missionary of Concord association for several years and of Lamine four and a half years. He was also moderator.

The association next met with the Mt. Carmel Church in Morgan County in 1881. J. E. Sims was elected moderator. A collection was taken for N. W. Halcomb who leaves the state in a few days as a missionary to China. \$17.65 was collected in cash and \$5.00 in subscription.

The association met with the Mt. Hermon Church October 5, 1882. Pledges were taken from the churches for the support of the work and the following personal pledges were given: acres of corn, wheat, what can be made from six hens during the year, a hen and chickens, pig, tuition from one music pupil, etc.

In 1883 the association met at Salem southeast of Versailles. Eighteen churches sent messengers. There were 130 baptisms reported. The committee on Foreign Missions work consisted of one "sister" from each church.

The association met with Hopewell Church, five miles north of Tipton, in 1884. E. T. Shelton, the missionary, reported protracted meetings held at Peninsula, Central Gravois, Big Gravois and Big Buffalo and also in schoolhouses in destitute parts of the field. 182 baptisms reported.

Another good meeting of the association was held at Antioch five miles northwest of Syracuse in 1885. East Sedalia Church was received into the association. The missionary, E.T. Shelton, assisted in the organization of Little Buffalo Church and held protracted meetings at Oak Grove and Big Rock, a "Hard-shell Baptist Church".

The association had been meeting three days but in 1886 they met with the Akinsville Church four days, from Friday through Monday. Preaching was Sunday morning and Sunday in the church and also the schoolhouse in the churchyard. Both were filled to overflowing. In the early days food and lodging were furnished by the hostess church. Beulah Church of Morgan County was admitted into the association. The missionary assisted Upper Gravois in raising money to pay for their church. Eighteen churches reported but only eleven reported Sunday Schools.

In 1887 the association met with the East Sedalia Church. Syracuse and Florence Churches were admitted to the association. The report on Bible Schools urged the importance of Bible Schools and periodicals.

In 1888, meeting at Concord. Bunceton and Rocklyn were admitted to the association. By request, First Baptist Church, Sedalia, was granted a letter of dismissal from this association to unite with Harmony Association as it had been organized. As woman's societies were new and not generally accepted, the work had not been recognized in the order of business at the annual association but on the first day of the association, on motion, the moderator appointed a committee to report on woman's missionary work - the following report was read and after being discussed by a number of "brethren" was adopted: "Woman's Work" To the Lamine Association Dear Brethren: We, women of the churches of Lamine Association, desirous of becoming more efficient workers in the service of our beloved Saviour, and believing that one important factor necessary to secure this result is organization; and realizing that as our church work is now conducted there is a vast amount of unused power in the Christian women who compose the large majority of their membership. We respectfully request and earnestly urge the pastor and leading brethren of our churches to encourage the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies and of Children's Mission Bands in the churches and inasmuch as this has already become a department of work in many of our churches, and we believe that a great impetus would be given this important movement by its recognition by this association, we would most earnestly request and respectfully ask that hereafter in the order of business, be included a report of woman's work, and that this report be discussed in your meetings just as is the Sabbath School work or any other department of Christian labor.

Mrs. Geo. Harned - Mrs. Lucian Chamberlain
Needless to say a report on woman's work was given the next year and every year after.

Pleasant Ridge Church was received into the association in 1889 when they met at Freedom Church. Little Buffalo was also received.

When the association met at Peninsula in 1890 "the death of our beloved moderator, Rev. John Letts," was announced, he had served faithfully for eight years. He preached his last

sermon at Freedom Church, September 1st and died October 3rd. D. C. Dale was chosen moderator and served seven years. Olive Branch presented an application for membership and was received. The associational clerk was instructed to confer with railway companies in regard to reduced rates to delegates attending the association.

In 1891, the association met with the Bunceton Church. On Sunday, the pulpits of the different churches in the town were occupied by Baptist preachers who were attending the association. Twenty-one ordained ministers were reported. A Resolution was passed to change Article V of the Constitution, so that the missionary board shall consist of seven members instead of five.

In 1892, a good meeting was held at Versailles Baptist Church. Twenty-eight churches reported and five churches reported Woman's Missionary Societies: Boonville, Bunceton, Hopewell, Mt. Hermon and Pilot Grove.

Proctor Church was received into the association when it met at Mt. Nebo in 1893. Of the twenty-eight churches reporting, only seventeen report having Sunday Schools; 114 baptisms reported.

The association met with Mt. Hermon Church in 1894. New Hope Church, Morgan County, presented an application for admission into the association, "the association felt it was hardly wise to organize this church since it was so close to other Baptist churches but in view of the fact that obstruction in the way of a large stream lie between this church and the adjacent churches it was received into the association". As usual a collection for "District Mission" work was taken. 224 baptisms reported. A committee was appointed to correspond with the churches and endeavor to organize Woman's Missionary Societies in the churches that do not have societies.

Good meeting held with Pilot Grove Church in 1895. Sixteen ordained ministers and five licentiates. "One of the special orders of business was the discussion of the Baptist Young People's Union". It was recommended that a "B.Y.P.U." be organized in every church. It was resolved, That the clerk be allowed a fee of ten dollars for his labor in preparing and supervising the printing and distribution of the minutes.

The Twenty-fifth Annual session met with the Freedom Church in 1896. Purvis Church was received into the association. Three churches reported B.Y.P.U.'s - Boonville, Bunce-

ton and Pilot Grove.

The 1897 meeting was held with Syracuse Church. Samuel Daniels was elected moderator and served faithfully for ten years, he missed two years and served six years more, a total of 16 years. Pleasant Grove Church was received into the association. At this meeting it was resolved, "That this association refuse to admit to its fellowship any church known to receive into its fellowship any person having only alien immersion".

1898 meeting held at Antioch. Rocklyn, north of Otterville, was ordered stricken from the roll of churches in 1892 but they asked to be readmitted at this meeting — it was found that the church is located in a community where the Gospel should be preached regularly so it was received into the fellowship of the body.

The 1899 meeting was at Bunceton. A committee on colportage was appointed and authorized to purchase books for sale and distribution. Plans were made to organize a Sunday School Convention. An offering of \$53.85 was taken for Bro. Creed Marriott, a student at William Jewell College, preparing to go as a missionary to China.

The association during these 28 years has continued to grow. At the 1899 meeting 29 churches reported 2250 members, 20 Sunday Schools, 3 Woman's Missionary Societies and 3 B.Y.P.U.'s, 17 ordained ministers and 4 licensed ministers. During the 28 years there has been a missionary on the field most of the time. Some of the preachers serving as missionaries were: T. V. Greer, J. E. Sims, D. N. Horn, R. F. Driskell, L. J. Baughman and E. T. Shelton. We owe much to these "Men of God" who drove many miles with horse and buggy, horse back and even walked to lay the foundation for Lamine Association. Some pastors served as missionary pastors by helping a weak church close by. Work was also done among the German speaking people. Some of the missionaries for this work were August Piston, E. Otto, W. Koesch and W. W. Kone. This work was done in the homes. Each time a church asked for admission into the association, a committee was appointed to "enquire" into their Articles of Faith, etc. If they were orthodox and orderly they were admitted and the moderator gave the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

At each meeting, reports were given on State, Home and Foreign Missions, Bible Schools and Periodicals, Ministerial

Education and Temperance and had very lengthy discussions. Often an offering was taken for them and an offering was always taken for District Missions.

In writing these first 29 years of History of Lamine Association, I have not attempted to write with any great literary style or any added comments but merely an abbreviated record as gleaned from the minutes and other material which is available. It is hoped that this brief history will provide an insight into some of the things that have made Lamine Association a strong association.

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1900 - 1919

The countryside must have been full of people in 1900. Twenty-nine churches reported to Lamine Association that year, almost all within the present bounds of the association. Churches now all but forgotten reported memberships of near or over 100; for example, Akinsville 156, Concord 99, Hopewell 116. The church reporting the largest number of members was Boonville (now called First Baptist Church of Boonville) with 229 members. It was the only church having full-time preaching. Seven churches had half-time and the others fourth-time. Second in number of members was Ritchie with 181, and so on down to Florence with 16. Total membership reported was 1173. Ordained ministers residing within the association numbered 12 and licensed ministers 6.

Exclusions were very common in these years, as the churches sought to keep their members free from worldly things such as dancing, drinking, profanity and the like, while keeping them in the faith by insisting upon regular attendance at church services. Exclusions were reported as such in the minutes of the annual meetings through 1916; thereafter, loss of membership was reported as "death", "letter", and "otherwise". Largest number excluded was 73 in 1904, least 3 in 1914, though there were some "dropped" from time to time (82 in 1912) and sometimes there were "erasures".

The committee on Bible Schools and periodicals reported in 1900 that 23 churches had Sunday School at least part of

the year. A greater effort was urged on the part of the Sunday School Convention which had been organized the year before. Publications recommended in this report were "The Central Baptist, Word and Way, and the various publications of our American Baptist Publication Society, the various Baptist Missionary Periodicals of our missionary organizations, and also of Ford's Christian Repository." Constant efforts were made through the years to enlarge and improve Sunday School work. In 1904, the committee recommended the organization of a Sunday School Convention in the association. A constitution was drawn up for such an organization, the object of which shall be "to increase the number and enlarge the efficiency of Baptist Sunday Schools within the Lamine Baptist Association." This convention was more enduring than the previous one. Its constitution was carried in the minutes through 1917, and frequent mention was made of its meetings and activities.

Boonville and Pilot Grove reported Young People's Societies in 1900. In 1902, Versailles reported a Young People's Society. Boonville that year reported both Senior and Junior Societies. In 1913, it was resolved, "That the work among the young people in our B.Y.P.U. be given a place among the other interests of the association and that there may be a committee appointed from time to time to report on it same as any of our work." 1915 report on S.S. and B.Y.P.U. says we believe the importance of B.Y.P.U. cannot be over emphasized and that we have lost much by not stressing this part of our church obligation; it was recommended a committee of three be chosen to stimulate S.S. and B.Y.P.U. interest and hold institutes, and that pastors encourage in every way possible the B.Y.P.U. work. By 1919 the number of B.Y.P.U.'s had grown to nine.

Three Woman's Missionary Societies were reported in 1900, and one Ladies' Aid. In 1906, there were four W.M.S.'s and one Young Ladies' Mission Circle. That year a motion prevailed that the moderator appoint a committee on Woman's Missionary Societies. In 1908, during the annual meeting of the association, the societies of the association organized a Woman's Missionary Union. At the 1909 annual meeting it is noted in their report "The work of the W.M. Societies is of recent date and the real work of the W.M.S.'s in our state began when Miss Eleanor Mare became our state corresponding secretary.... We earnestly plead for a missionary society in every church." In 1919, they were still urging missionary societies in more

churches, the number that year being 7 W.M.S and 2 Y.L.M.C. There had been 11 W.M.S. and 2 Ladies' Aids in 1915, the highest year. Their object was stated: to work, give and pray.

Mission work within the association during the period 1900-1911 was directed by a Missionary Board of seven elected at the annual meeting, part on alternate years. They were to employ as missionaries only "men sound in doctrine, faith and practice" who were "to constitute churches only under such circumstances as give promise of success and usefulness." Sometimes the board would employ one missionary; sometimes a number of men were used as need arose and funds were available, five different men in 1906. Assistance was received from the State Mission Board from time to time. In 1911, the board began with a balance of \$210.53 and received from the churches \$144.85. By July 1st, practically all the money had been used. The board had arranged to have Rev. Guy Prather, who had done missionary work in the association before, begin work July 1st and continue until Oct. 1st, but could not get the money, and had to pay him \$53 from their meager funds for his "expenses and loss", leaving them with \$2.12. The president of the board resigned and the board was reorganized. Thereafter, we find nine men on the board until 1919, when the constitution was amended so that the board consisted of one man from each church. Contributions for District Missions in 1900 totaled \$233.40, for State Missions \$196.25, for Home Missions \$125.35, for Foreign Missions \$126.35, a grand total of \$681.35. Contributed for ministerial education was \$30.00, and for other objects \$57.11. Home church expenses in 1900 ranged from \$4.00 to \$1056.45. Money raising was rather haphazard, especially in the early years of this period. In those years, a "hat collection" and pledges were taken at the annual meeting after the report of the missionary board and many times after the reports of the missions committees or the appeals of various institutions. In 1900, it is noted in the minutes that "the greatest and most urgent of all needs is the need of some more effective plan for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort for the propagation of the gospel." As we know, this need was not met for 25 years, but certain steps were taken in that direction. As early as 1907, it was being recommended that offerings be taken "at the regular scheduled time in our churches." This schedule appears in the minutes in 1913 and is as follows:

January and February – Education

March and April – District Missions

May and June – State Missions

July and August – Any purpose the church may appoint
or none

September and October – Home Missions

November and December – Foreign Missions

In 1916, a committee made apportionments for District Missions to the various churches (29 in number) and to 5 Sunday Schools. This practice was continued thereafter. In 1919, because of the confusion resulting from four various "Drives" for different objects, it was decided that all apportionments for the churches of Lamine Association for missions and other objects be made by the Executive Board of the association and that all funds shall be received and disbursed by the treasurer. Contributions in 1909 for District Missions were \$522.69, State Missions \$212.45, Home Missions \$163.30, Foreign Missions \$246.05, other objects \$312.36. Home expenses that year ranged from \$3.00 to \$1300.74. In 1919, home church expenses ranged from \$15.00 to \$3427.85. Contributions that year were: District Missions \$904.35, State Missions \$401.76, Home Missions \$527.85, Foreign Missions \$869.03, Christian Education \$124.01, Orphans' Home \$193.73, Ministers' Aid Society \$60.00, Home for Aged Baptists \$190.35, miscellaneous \$650.69; a total of \$3921.77. An auditing committee each year examined the treasurer's books and reported to the association at the annual meeting.

The minutes 1904 through 1908 carried advertising by the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia on the inside front cover and both sides of the back cover. Featured were: Bibles (25¢ to \$50.00), hymnals (40¢ and up), quarterlies (from 1½¢ to 10¢ per copy per quarter) and other supplies.

Annual meetings 1900 through 1919 were similar to those with which we are familiar today, but with some striking differences. Officers for the year were elected at each annual meeting and took over at once, the previous year's moderator presiding until the new one was elected. Reports were heard from the missionary board and from various committees, devotionals were given, prayers offered, sermons preached, songs sung, discussions took place, business was transacted, representatives from various colleges, denominational papers, etc. were heard from time to time. At almost, if not every meeting, a representative from Macon College for Negroes spoke and an

offering was taken for the college. The constitution provided that the churches should choose representatives to attend the annual meeting "not to exceed four from each church." The meeting convened on Tuesday before the 1st Sunday in October in 1900-07, Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in September 1908-11, Tuesday after 3rd Sunday in September 1912-13, Tuesday after 1st Sunday in September 1916-17, Tuesday before 1st Sunday in September 1918-19. "Delegates" came by train and/or horse-drawn vehicles, or on horseback. Churches provided transportation from the nearest stations for those coming by train. Sometimes the trains were late, preventing the moderator or others from arriving on time for the first session. In later years, automobiles came into use. The host church provided meals and lodging for all who came. In 1911, it was noted in the minutes that the people of the Pilot Grove community helped the church there furnish food. Perhaps this was also done at other times. At the close of the meeting the names of the delegates were called and the names of those absent without leave of the body were stricken from the record. This rule was abolished in 1919. It was customary at the close of the meeting, just before the benediction, to sing a hymn such as "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" or "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and to give the "parting hand."

Some highlights from the minutes:

1900 Annual meeting held at Freedom, October 10th, 11th & 12th. One young man from the association, Creed Marriott, is in William Jewell College. A collection of \$36.80 was taken for him "as he will likely need help".

1901 Peninsula-October 9th, 10th & 11th. The committee on ministerial education says, "If the professional or business man can not do his best work without special training in his line, it stands to reason that the same is true of the minister....We would recommend William Jewell College and the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky...." Foreign Missions committee: "Jesus says preach the gospel to every creature, and after 1800 years....we find 8 or 10 hundred million creatures without the gospel. The world is believed to be nearing its end" and greater effort is urged.

Bethel Church received into the association.

Big Buffalo dismissed to Benton County Association.

Two ministerial students from Wm. Jewell are to labor in the association during the summer at \$1.00 per day, the State Board

to pay for one and the District Board the other; Creed Marriott to be one.

A committee appointed to bring before the churches the matter of erecting a monument over the remains of Bro. Greer and wife. Bro. Greer was the first moderator of Lamine Association.

1902 Pleasant Hill-October 8th, 9th & 10th- Committee on ministerial education; "we would especially recommend William Jewell College as our State School. The Seminary at Louisville, Ky., as our best Seminary. The Baptist College at Clarksburg as a local school offering a course in Bible Study. These schools are worthy of our confidence and support".

The same students as last year are to work this summer.

1903 Syracuse-October 7th, 8th & 9th. Dr. B. G. Tutt presented the association with a beautiful new gavel. He urged the moderator to pound a better missionary spirit into the churches of Lamine Association.

1904 Boonville-October 5th, 6th & 7th. Committee on Greer monument; "We had a very neat stone erected at the grave of the late Thomas V. Greer and wife in the Liberty cemetery, Moniteau County, every dollar of cost paid." A card of thanks from the heirs of T. V. Greer was incorporated in the minutes. A committee was appointed to arrange for an hour of discussion of B.Y.P.U. work at the next annual meeting.

Rev. Solomon Ginsburg, a missionary returned from Brazil, gave an interesting talk on his early life, his conversion from Judaism to Christianity, his efforts to prove that the Baptist position is not scriptural, which resulted in his uniting with a Baptist church. He told of his work in the foreign field of the persecutions he had endured, and of the way in which the Lord had graciously led him.

1905 Otterville-October 4th, 5th & 6th. Twenty-four churches reported this year. Eighteen have S.S. and these average 9 months each year. Three mission S.S. average 8 months each year. It is recommended that Sunday Schools use only Baptist literature. That of the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville are considered as good as can be found. The board paid \$62.95 for a tent and 3 gasoline lamps for holding evangelistic services in our association. The Home Mission committee report revealed that our missionaries are preaching to 23 different nationalities in our land. The foreign mission committee complains bitterly: "many of our churches

do nothing, many of our pastors do nothing and multitudes of our members do nothing. This is disloyalty to Christ, cruelty to the lost world and lasting injury to ourselves."

1906 Mt. Nebo-October 3rd, 4th & 5th. Bethany, West Union and Liberty Churches received. A resolution was adopted that the clerks be instructed to send the church letters to the clerk of the association two weeks before the annual meeting, the clerk to prepare a digest of the letters to be read at the association. Heretofore, this had to be done after arriving at the meeting.

1907 Versailles-October 9th, 10th & 11th. Victory Church received. The Baptist of Missouri now have in William Jewell College more ministerial students than any other college in the world. The association went on record as being opposed to Sunday baseball.

1908 Akinsville-September 29th and 30th and October 1st. Thirty-two churches listed, some sent no report, as was often the case. Clerk L. R. Kenney, appalled no doubt by the glaring discrepancies in statistics submitted heretofore, inserted a letter to church clerks in the minutes, urging them to be sure all statistics are correct; and tells them if they fail to get a blank letter a postal card will bring it. Report on Home Missions: "Let us remember that population is rapidly increasing from every quarter and unless we give them our religion they will give us theirs. We must evangelize our home land or our land will be no home for us."

1909 Bunceton-September 28th, 29th & 30th. Rev. J. S. Price was employed as missionary full time during the associational year at a salary of \$850.00. Of the 31 churches, only 8 contributed to Foreign Missions this year.

1910 Otterville-September 28th, 29th & 30th. Six W.M.S.'s with 105 members contributed to missions and other objects \$575.81. Stover Church admitted to the association.

1911 Pilot Grove-September 19th, 20th & 21st. At the annual meeting \$331.00 was pledged for the use of the missionary board during the ensuing year, to be paid on or before April 1, 1912.

1912 Freedom-September 17th, 18th & 19th. Several churches were assisted through the efforts of the board. The board finds that many churches are not doing their duties, and appeals to them to do better. Report on Home Missions says in part: Within 11 months the Rock Island and Frisco railroads have brought 21,376 families or 85,000 souls into the southwest, many of

them foreigners and unsaved. There are still more foreigners in the north and west. Fast-growing cities are becoming a home missions problem. Our association gave \$131.10 last year. Our churches need enlightening.

1913 Syracuse-September 23rd, 24th & 25th. A new map of the association is to be made. Founded in 1849, William Jewell is the oldest, largest, best equipped and best endowed college for men in the west. It still has more students for the ministry than any other college in America. The clerk was instructed to place on record in the minutes, so far as he can obtain them, the names and addresses of every deacon in our several churches. The report on Missouri Baptist Orphans' Home tells that it is now 27 years old and has cared for 12,000 children. There are 103 now in the Home. The 5 modern brick buildings cost \$100,000. This is our one denominational charity and there is no provision for it in our mission schedule. It is asked that the birthday offering of the S.S. be given to it; that all churches and pastors be urged to take an offering once a year for the support of the Home; that an associational representative be appointed by the moderator to oversee the Home's interests in this association; that a free will offering in cash and individual pledges be now taken. \$4.10 was received. The missionary board has been assisting weak churches in supporting their pastors and holding meetings. They were anxious to hold more, but the people were not ready. Drought and exceeding hot weather were obstacles. The board believes the churches need more knowledge on the relation to the work of the association and recommends a series of institutes to be held with the different churches; thereafter, to either employ a full time missionary or assist the churches to employ pastors by a system of grouping or in any way to best strengthen and develop them.

1914 Concord-September 22nd, 23rd & 24th. Board is of the opinion, in view of the conditions existing within our association, the time is ripe to employ a missionary for all time and recommends this be done and pledges taken now for the support of this work. Pledges were taken from 21 churches, 7 Sunday Schools, and one individual.

CHURCHES AND DEACONS

Akinsville - S. T. Stone, Akinsville; E.M. Paxson, W. H. Drake and T. A. Moon, Fortuna.

Antioch - B. F. Layne, R.E. Kirchner, Otterville; James Thomas, Bunceton.

Boonville — R. L. Moore, L. L. Chilton, Dr. R. H. Ellis, T. F. Waltz, J. E. Elliott and Frank George, all of Boonville.

Bunceton — T. A. Nelson, Sr., L. O. Nelson, E. E. Amick, W. Henry Palmer, C. P. Tutt, Joseph Marye, all of Bunceton.

Bethel — J. A. Wilson, Todd, Mo.

Bethlehem — Henry Sanders, Robert Cramer, Charles Brunkhorst, Rufus Dinwiddie, Charles Lewis, all of Florence.

Concord — G. C. Harness, Bunceton; Henry Crawford, Speed.

Freedom — George H. Carpenter, L. B. Self, C. G. Sanford, all of Versailles; John M. Bewer, Glensted.

Hopewell — H. T. Cox, Alva White, John Bear, all of Tipton.

Mt. Olive — W. T. Steele, J. E. Porter, William Evans and William Cox, all of Syracuse.

Mt. Nebo — J. B. Palmer, J. N. Cordry, E. L. Graves, T. L. Turner, all of Bunceton; J. T. Woolery, Pleasant Green, Mo.

Mt. Carmel — M. T. Peoples, Fortuna.

Olive Branch — James McNeal, Syracuse.

Otterville — J. H. Rennison, Ed Layne, L. C. Wilkerson, Samuel Henderson, all of Otterville.

Pilot Grove — H. B. Truex, J. M. Haley, J. R. Huckaby, all of Pilot Grove.

Peninsula — J. L. Dix, Pilot Grove; Norman Rennison, Boonville.

Stover — Sidney Merriott, Harden Williams, Francis Grace, all of Stover.

Syracuse — Bluhm Stahl, Otterville; H. N. Parsons, J. W. Decker, D. C. Decker, all of Syracuse.

Versailles — P. H. Padgett, E. O. Adams, Paul Spurlock, Samuel Daniels, all of Versailles.

RESIDENT ORDAINED MINISTERS

B. F. Reed, E. M. Conway, both of Blackwater; A. M. Ross, O. B. Hollomon, W. S. Birge, all of Boonville; D. H. Howerton, Bunceton; H. A. Sanders, Florence; H. W. Allee, Fortuna; F. C. Richards, C. G. Norris, both of Otterville; J. M. Wilson, Todd, J. A. Broyles, T. J. Sudduth, H. S. Thornhill, I. Barber, all of Versailles.

RESIDENT LICENSED MINISTERS

L. W. Verts, Pilot Grove; J. B. Bomar, Versailles.

NON-RESIDENT ORDAINED MINISTERS

L. T. Barger, Calhoun; T. R. White, California; D. M. Williams, Dresden; E. J. Sanderson, Fulton; W. B. McGraw, R. P. Douglas, Liberty; R. F. Driskell, C. A. Stephens, G. M. Baker, Sedalia; C. J. Miller, Windsor.

This association, of more than 2400 Baptists, to petition our U. S. Senators, W. J. Stone and James Reed, and Congressman D. W. Shackelford, to support the National Prohibition Bill now pending in Congress. The committee on Home for Aged Baptists reports that the Home opened its doors May 1913 and has cared for 25 aged persons. This was the first home of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention.

1915 Bethlehem-September 21st, 22nd & 23rd. Representatives of the churches at the annual meeting are now called "messengers". A missionary, Rev. J. W. Beville, employed at \$100 a month began work December 1, 1914, resigned April 1, 1915. He held 4 meetings, also one or more services in 9 different places, preaching 84 sermons, having 10 professions of faith, 9 additions by baptism, 4 by letter, 1 by relation, and organized 1 S.S. Eleven W.M.S.'s this year; Versailles and Boonville also have Ladies' Aid. An analysis of gifts to missions the past year revealed, that the people of Lamine Association gave an average of 12¢ a member for State Missions, 12½¢ for Home Missions, and 21½¢ for Foreign Missions. There were 29 churches with 18 S.S., 7 B.Y.P.U. The Orphans' Home will be glad to furnish a birthday bank. They solicit groceries, vegetables, poultry, or anything useful in a home.

1916 Antioch-September 4th, 5th & 6th. The board recommends the plan of holding institutes be pursued, and requests that pledges to district missions be paid in September and October. The Word and Way should be in every home. It was recommended that an associational historian be appointed.

1917 Mt. Olive-September 4th, 5th & 6th. The board put on an efficiency campaign beginning April 25, 1917. Rev. C.M. Truex employed for two months, the time then extended until annual meeting; salary \$150.00 per month. The association had an overdraft of \$11.46. The minutes of all the meetings of the association from the time of its organization down to the present time were presented by the family of L. J. Baughman, deceased, and the clerk was instructed to have the same bound and kept for reference of the association. The committee on

Home for Aged Baptists and Ministers^a Aid Society reports there is a movement on by the Southern Baptist Convention to raise a large endowment for helping helpless preachers and their families. Boonville and Pilot Grove had Standard Sunday Schools; Versailles and Syracuse lacked only one or two points. 1918 Versailles-August 27th, 28th & 29th. C. M. Truex still doing efficiency work. Also J. B. Bomar employed for the year at \$100.00 a month to do general missionary work, especially in the south part of the association. The state board is contributing \$25.00 per month. Bro. Bomar's field has contributed nearly half his salary. Association has overdraft of \$16.27. There are now 26 Bible Schools (S.S.), 11 B.Y.P.U.'s, 7 Bible Schools in schoolhouses where we have no churches, 7 W.M.S. and one Young Ladies' Mission Circle. Home for Aged says food is acceptable as well as money. "Remember the Home at Christmas, Thanksgiving, and the spring egg gathering." (Each family was asked to give to the Home the money from the eggs laid by the hens on Easter Sunday.) The clerk, L. R. Kenney, was made custodian of the two volumes containing all the minutes from 1872-1918.

1919 Peninsula-August 26th, 27th & 28th. Of 22 churches reporting, two have full-time preaching, ten have half-time. J. B. Bomar again employed as missionary. This was the "flu" year. Bro. Bomar, in addition to his other activities, conducted 20 funerals. There were nine pastorless churches. He could not reach all of them regularly, nor secure help to supply them. Lamine Association declared for single alignment and that with the Southern Baptist Convention. \$5000 is the apportionment of our association in the campaign to raise \$75,000,000 in the Southern Baptist Convention in five years for missions, education and philanthropy. State denominational offices were still in Kansas City. The committee on Christian Education mentioned that there are seven Baptist schools in Missouri:

"William Jewell College, Liberty, Standard College, men.
 Stephens College, Columbia, Standard Junior College, women.
 Hardin College, Mexico, Standard Junior College, women.
 Southwest College, Bolivar.
 LaGrange College, LaGrange.
 Western College, Macon.
 Will Mayfield, Marble Hill."

The committee on Missouri Baptist Historical Society states that the Society has its headquarters at Liberty, Missouri. Historical material entrusted to it will be preserved for the use

of the Baptist denomination and our friends.

Mrs. Alvin E. Phillips

1920-1939

1920 - A typical annual meeting of Lamine Baptist Association. The Lamine Baptist Association met for its 49th annual meeting with the Mt. Hermon Baptist Church August 25-26, 1920. Officers were:

Moderator - Rev. F. C. Richards, Syracuse
Clerk - L. R. Kenney, Glensted
Asst. Moderator - H. L. Shirley, Bunceton
Treasurer - C. M. Shepherd, Pilot Grove
Missionary of Association - Rev. J.B. Bomar
President W.M.U. - Mrs. Fred Nichols, Versailles

The meeting was called to order by Asst. Moderator H. L. Shirley on Wednesday afternoon, August 25, 1920 at 2:00 p.m.

After a short devotional service letters from churches were called for and seventeen churches reported their year's work. Messengers, representatives and corresponding delegates were enrolled.

Meeting then adjourned for the evening meal.

The Wednesday evening session was called to order by the moderator and after the song service the annual sermon was preached by L. R. Kenney, the clerk, whose subject was "The Distinctive Baptist Principle". Text-Samuel 15:13--To obey is better than sacrifice.

Miss Mable Mann, representing the Home for Aged Baptists spoke briefly of the home and its needs.

Rev. F.C. Richards and Rev. J. B. Bomar made some short talks and Association adjourned until 9 a.m. Thursday.

On Thursday morning, the devotions were led by the pastor of the Mt. Hermon Church and after singing some of the old hymns, the report of the executive board was read by the chairman, Samuel Daniels of Versailles.

The report of the missionary board and its disbursements were given.

Rev. Bomar-Associational Missionary received a salary of \$137.50 per month and in his report we learned he had traveled 8,537 miles and worked 331 days since the last Associational

meeting. After a wonderful meal, the afternoon session was called to order and the report on State Missions was read by Rev. F. C. Richards.

E. H. Manwarring gave the report on Home Missions and V. K. Betteridge gave the report on Foreign Missions.

A. T. James representing State, Home and Foreign Missions and O. L. Wood, General Secretary State Missions, S. A. Smith representing Word and Way discussed our mission causes and needs. T. M. McDonnell gave the report on ministerial and Christian education.

Lunch was served at 5:30 and the evening session at 7:30 began with Devotions led by L. B. Arvin—Baptist Sanitarium, St. Louis. Report on temperance was read by J. B. Bomar. Report on Orphans' Home was given.

Report on Home for Aged Baptist was read and Miss Mable Mann, a field secretary of the Home spoke on the report. Rev. L. B. Arvin brought the report about the Sanatarium. Rev. F. C. Richards brought the report of Missouri Baptist Historical Society. Jesse Stratten brought the report on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. The report was then given concerning Woman's Missionary Societies.

In the obituary report, we learned 17 had passed on to their Heavenly Home since last meeting.

Standing committees were appointed and the time August 23–24–25, 1921 was set for the 50th Annual meeting. Place of meeting, Syracuse.

1921 – The 50th Annual Meeting of Lamine Association was held with the Syracuse Baptist Church August 23–24–25th, called to order by the moderator at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday. Officers were the same as last year with the exception that Miss Minnie Cook was elected clerk.

Rev. J. D. Chappell of Kansas City representing Baptist Seminary (American Baptist) conducted a short devotional service and later spoke in interest of the seminary. Letters from churches were called for and read. Rev. John Goins representing the Baptist College for Negroes told about the college being moved from Macon to Kansas City and presented the work of the college. A free will offering of \$23.00 was taken for the college. O. L. Wood presented some interesting facts concerning the work and progress of Missouri Baptists.

At the evening session, Rev. J. B. Bomar preached the opening of introductory sermon on "The Indestructible Church".

Personnel of committees was announced.

Morning session called to order by the moderator. Devotional by Rev. P. P. Hummel of Sedalia. A committee was appointed to investigate the New Hope Church, which has asked for admission into the Lamine Association. Report of District Missionary Board read by Chairman Samuel Daniels, then the report of C. M. Shepherd, treasurer, and next the report of J. B. Bomar, Associational Missionary. Rev. O. L. Wood preached from Mark 9:24, "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief".

Afternoon session called by Assistant Moderator, H. L. Shirley. Rev. C. E. Hampton, pastor at Mt. Nebo, led the devotional. Albert Ellis rendered a beautiful piano solo.

Reports of State, Home and Foreign Missions read and discussed. The following reports were given: Woman's Missionary Societies—Mrs. John Rowles, Home for Aged Baptists—Samuel Daniels, Temperance—J. B. Bomar, Christian Education—T. M. McDonnell, Children's Home—Mrs. J. B. Bomar, Aid for Aged Ministers. Committee on resolutions reported.

A memorial service was held in memory of 16 members of churches who had gone on to their Heavenly Home.

At the evening meeting the Syracuse Church Orchestraplayed "two excellent selections" followed by a solo by Albert Ellis. Devotional by Rev. F.C. Richards. Rev. William England of the Home for Aged Baptists at Ironton preached from Eph. 6 "Standing by the Word of God".

Thursday morning devotional by J. B. Bomar. Clerk read the report on Missouri Baptist Historical Society. Joe Milburn gave the report on S.S. and B.Y.P.U. Closing prayer by John Belt.

1922 — Stover Baptist Church was host to the 51st Annual Meeting, August 22–23–24th. C. E. Hampton was Assistant Moderator and Mrs. Charles Tutt—WMU President. Other officers the same, but as neither moderator nor clerk was present at the time for meeting, T. M. McDonnell was chosen temporary moderator and Miss Ruby Powelson, temporary clerk. Rev. S. M. Brown, representing Word and Way Kansas City, Missouri led in prayer and sang "Mo. for Jesus". The moderator arrived and called for the letters from the churches, but so few were represented that this was postponed until Wednesday morning. The clerk arrived and members of the missionary board were called for but only a few responded. Rev. J.B. Bomar conducted devotional services, then a duet was sung by Minerva Mercereau and Venita Potter from Peninsula.

Evening session was at 8:00. Rev. T. F. Maxwell conducted the song service. Rev. George Baker read Psalm 2. J. B. Bomar led in prayer. Rev. F. C. Richards preached the annual sermon. Wednesday morning session at 9:00, devotional by J. B. Bomar.

Church letters read by Miss Ruby Powelson and Miss Minnie Cook. Report of Board by Samuel Daniels, chairman. Rev. W. O. Dixon of Columbia, Missouri had been employed as Missionary at \$1600 per year and served from October 10, 1921 to May 26, 1922, when he resigned.

Afternoon devotional by T.M. McDonnell. Miss Barcia Talbott sang. Report on State Missions—J. B. Bomar, Home Missions—Minnie Cook, Foreign Missions—S. E. Tucker. Miss Amy Goodman and Mrs. J. B. Bomar spoke about WMS's in the Association. Christian Education report—Rev. S. T. Stone. Dr. Erdmann Smith of William Jewell College was given time to speak in the interest of the college. Report on Missouri Home for Aged—T. M. McDonnell; nine churches in the Association gave to the Home only \$191.31. Miss Gladys Stone of Freedom rendered an instrumental solo. T. F. Maxwell conducted the evening song and devotional service. T. M. McDonnell preached on "Giving" from I Cor. 16.

Thursday morning T.F. Maxwell conducted opening service. F. C. Richards reported on Missouri Baptist Historical Society. Reports on Temperance and Orphans' Home—Louisa Cooper. Report on Aid for Aged Ministers was given, and that of the nominating committee. Committee on obituaries read the 21 names of the deceased of 1921-22.

1923 - The 52nd Annual Meeting of Lamine Association was held with Boonville Church, August 21-22-23rd, with the same officers as the year before. At the opening session at 2:00 p.m., Rev. T. J. Simmons led the singing and Edward James the devotional service. Address of welcome by J. W. Farris, Superintendent of Boonville S.S. Mrs. J. G. Reynolds of Kansas City addressed the Association. Messengers and guests enrolled.

J. W. Farris conducted the devotional service at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Ray Hoberecht sang. Church letters read by E. L. Graves. Wednesday morning session 9:30. Devotional by W. S. Birge. S. M. Brown sang. Samuel Daniels read the report of the Missionary Board, also the report of Treasurer C. M. Shepherd was read. Song service led by W. S. Birge, S. E. Ewing, rep-

representing Missouri Baptist Sanatorium, led in prayer. Introductory sermon by C. E. Hampton, pastor of Mt. Nebo. S. E. Ewing and S. M. Brown also spoke.

At 1:30 S.M. Brown conducted devotional and song service. Rev. S. E. Ewing presented yearly report on Missouri Baptist Sanatorium. Nominating committee reported.

After the evening meal, J. W. Farris conducted the devotional and song service. Mrs. Ray Hoberecht sang. T. M. McDonnell read from II Cor. 8 & 9 and preached on stewardship. Report on Temperance—Rev. S. T. Stone.

Thursday, 9:30 a.m. J. W. Farris led singing, T. M. McDonnell the devotional, Rev. J. Ben Sims offered prayer. Mrs. J. B. Bomar—report on Orphans' Home, S. E. Tucker—Home for Aged Baptists, Mrs. J. W. Farris—Woman's Missionary Societies. The president of Versailles should have read: President—Mrs. Royce Moser, Vice-President—Mrs. W.J. Schaper. Report on S.S., B.Y.P.U. and Periodicals—T.M. McDonnell. Reports were given on Christian Education, Ministerial Aid, auditing committees and Obituaries. After committee on resolutions made its report, the closing address was given by J. W. Farris. J. B. Bomar pronounced the benediction and the parting hand was given while singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds".

1924 — 53rd Annual Meeting with Freedom Baptist Church, August 19–20th. Rev. J. B. Bomar was Assistant Moderator, other officers the same as in 1923.

Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. Rev. J. B. Bomar led the singing, Rev. G. M. Baker read Heb. 11. Address of welcome by J. B. Sims, pastor of Freedom Church. Messengers, ministers, representatives of our Missouri institutions and visitors were enrolled. The report of C. M. Shepherd, treasurer was read. Standing committees announced. Owing to the illness of Rev. F. E. Cooper, who was to have brought the introductory sermon, Rev. F. Y. Campbell was elected in his place. Rev. A. J. Johnson—representative of Missouri Baptist Sanatorium addressed the Association and gave a report of work done.

Tuesday evening devotional service by A. J. Johnson. Ladies' quartet of Glensted sang. Rev. F. Y. Campbell of Carthage, Missouri preached from Luke 14:23, "Compel them to come in".

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. Rev. J. B. Bomar called the Association to order and conducted the devotional with F. Y. Campbell leading in prayer. The report of the Missionary Board

was given and, because of the death of Samuel Daniels, who was President of the Board, F. C. Richards was elected to be President.

Because of finances, a missionary could be kept on the field only the first three months of the year.

Reports of State, Home and Foreign Missions given and discussed. 2:00 p.m. song service led by Rev. J. B. Sims, T. F. Maxwell conducted devotional services. Miss Elizabeth Sims and Miss Elsie Stockton sang a duet. J. B. Bomar was appointed to visit the churches in interest of District Missions. Nominating committee report. The report on obituaries. A special memorial service was held in honor of Samuel Daniels, who was moderator of Lamine Association for 16 years, Deacon and S.S. Superintendent of the Versailles Baptist Church for 27 years. He died November 4, 1923 while attending prayer meeting at his church.

7:45 p.m. J. B. Sims led the singing, J. B. Bomar the devotional. Royce Moser presided during the discussion of the S.S. V. K. Betteridge gave S.S. and B.Y.P.U. report. Myrtle Carpenter sang, Miss Elizabeth Sims presided during B.Y.P.U. report. Minnie Cook reported on Orphans' Home and Mrs. Royce Moser addressed the Association stressing the need to change the name to Missouri Baptist Children's Home as very few of the children were orphans. Reports on Temperance and Christian Education were given and adopted and also report of the auditing committee. C. G. Sanford gave the closing address. Benediction by J. B. Bomar. Parting song "God be with You til we meet again".

1925 - The 54th Annual Meeting of Lamine Baptist Association at Hopewell Church, Cooper County, Missouri, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. August 25th. Devotional by G. M. Baker. Several hymns were sung. Rev. H. W. Allee read I Thess: 5 and led in prayer. Messengers, ministers, representatives and visitors were enrolled. Among those present: Rev. Tally, presenting the needs of the Western Baptist College for Negroes. A free will offering was taken for the college. Rev. L. D. Hardiman, pastor of the Negro Baptist Church of Versailles, sang "Where Jesus Is, 'Tis Heaven There". Dr. Milford Riggs of Ironton, Missouri. Rev. A. G. Hoffman, representative of Southwest Baptist College, Rev. J. C. Hockett, Jr., Kansas City, State Sunday School Secretary. Rev. S. M. Brown, representing the Word and Way. Rev. D. H. Howerton,

representing William Jewell College. Rev. C. C. Hatcher, Columbia, Missouri preached on "A Church Challenge". Rev. J. W. Lowe, Missionary to China, sang a song and offered prayer in Chinese dialect and told of the great need of missionary work in China.

The association adopted a resolution that we cooperate with the State Executive Board by using 1926 Unified Budget.

During the meeting a musical reading was given by Lois Dean Pedego, a violin solo by Thelma Martin and an instrumental duet by the Misses Martin and Pedego of the Hopewell Church.

New officers elected were: H. L. Shirley—Moderator, W.B. Downing—Assistant Moderator, Minnie Cook—Clerk, Jesse Straten—Treasurer. Mrs. Royce Moser was elected Associational WMU President, Mrs. Will Schaper—Vice-President and Minnie Cook—Secretary-Treasurer.

1926 - 55th Annual Meeting was held at Mt. Nebo Church August 24-25th. Called to order at 10:45 a.m. Those mentioned as taking part in the program were: Moderator H. L. Shirley, Dr. S. M. Brown, Rev. R. W. Manker of Otterville, Rev. H. W. Allee, E. L. Graves, Rev. C. H. Nichols, Rev. J. B. Bomar, Rev. J. L. Watson, Rev. P. O. Silvara, Rev. C. C. Hatcher, V. K. Betteridge, Rev. Q. L. Tally of Negro Western College of Kansas City (an offering of \$22.62 was taken), Rev. L. H. Maples, J. T. Woolery, aged 3, sang "Blessed Be the Name", Miss Minnie Cook, Dr. R. L. Lemons, explained the unified budget plan, Mrs. J. W. Farris. A male trio sang at the Tuesday evening service. J. B. Bomar preached a missionary sermon from Acts 16:9. Mrs. F. L. Cole of Otterville was elected Associational WMU President. Rev. J. B. Bomar was Associational Missionary. The usual reports were given and business transacted.

1927 - 56th Annual Session, Otterville Baptist Church August 30th. The Otterville pastor, Rev. R. W. Manker led in singing "The Old Rugged Cross" and read Psalm 121. Prayer by Rev. P. O. Silvara, Pastor of Boonville Church. Report of Orphans' Home read by H. S. Thornhill, pastor at Versailles; W. A. Lumpkins of Jefferson City spoke on needs of Home. An Orphans' Home committee was appointed. L. E. DeVinna of Freedom Church read the report of Missouri Baptist Sanatorium at St. Louis. P. O. Silvara's subject for the introductory sermon was "God". Message: "We need a new grip on God". Rev. F. C. Richards spoke on Word and Way and representatives

from each church were appointed to take subscriptions.

Meals were served cafeteria style Tuesday and Wednesday noon and Tuesday evening by the members of the Otterville Church and covered dishes brought in by messengers and visitors. Rev. W. O. Goodwin addressed the Association on Missouri Baptist Sanatorium. Report on Prohibition by Rev. C. H. Nichols; on "The Missouri Baptist Ministers' Aid Society" by L. J. Moran and H. S. Thornhill. A Ross Brent made a plea for help in his interesting talk on education among the negroes and received \$20.31 for Western College. Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions. At the Tuesday evening service, R. W. Manker led the singing, Rev. Pollock, pastor of the Methodist Church led in prayer, Otterville choir brought special music. H. A. Sanders read Psalm 34 and conducted devotional, prayer by E. L. Graves. Rev. H. A. Sargent, pastor of Pilot Grove Church preached from Romans I, using as his text "I am a Debtor".

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Singing, devotional and prayer. Report on S.S., B.Y.P.U. and Periodicals—J. B. Bomar. Report of Associational Board and District Missions. Dr. H. I. Hester, representing William Jewell College, addressed the Association. Dr. M. M. Brown made a very interesting talk and sang "Mo. for Jesus". The afternoon meeting was called to order by Moderator H. L. Shirley at 1:30. Rev. J. A. DeWitte led the devotional. Mrs. F. L. Cole presided during WMU program. All members of WMS stood and sang "Jesus Calls Us" and repeated the Watchword. Report of WMU by Minnie Cook, Secretary. Mrs. Utz spoke on Assembly at Arcadia. Report on Christian Education by the clerk, Home for Aged Baptists—Mrs. J.W. Rowles, obituaries—Nellie Cook.

1928 - 57th Annual Meeting, Peninsula Baptist Church, Cooper County, Missouri. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 28th by Moderator H. L. Shirley. Lee Grace led the singing. Rev. C. E. Clemmons of Sedalia conducted the devotional using II Cor. 8. Report of Missouri Baptist Orphans' Home—Miss Fannie Burford, Missouri Baptist Sanatorium—Rev. H. J. Brumley. Introductory sermon by E. B. Calvin, pastor at Mt. Hermon. Rev. S. S. Kieth led in prayer and gave thanks for the noon meal. Several special numbers were enjoyed during the course of this 57th meeting: A quartet from Boonville Church; solo by Nadine Haley of Boonville; solo by Smiley Embrey; special by Akinsville Church;

solo by John Imrie; solo by little Betty Jane Moser of Versailles; she and Helen Leona Hulett sang a duet. The Association was addressed by; Dr. J. L. Downing, a missionary, telling of his work in Brazil; Rev. P. O. Silva, who talked on the Unified Budget; Rev. C. C. Cunningham of Columbia, Missouri; Rev. Courts Redford, Superintendent of Missouri Baptist Stewardship; and by Dr. C. B. Miller, President of Hardin College.

Reports were given: Mrs. W. B. Woolery—Christian Education; C. H. Nichols—Missouri Baptist Ministers' Aid Society; E. B. Calvin—State Missions; R. W. Manker—Home Missions; H. S. Thornhill—Foreign Missions; W. B. Downing—S. S., B. Y. P. U. and Periodicals; G. L. Newkirk—Home for Aged Baptists; J. B. Bomar—Temperance and Prohibition; Nellie Cook—Obituaries; L. E. DeVinna—Nominations. The report of the Board was also given. A committee, Mrs. Royce Moser, Mrs. Roy Utz, and Minnie Cook, was appointed to secure contributions, to the amount of \$250.00, to furnish a room at the Home for Aged Baptists.

A special tribute of respect was paid Miss Maggie Yancey of Otterville who had attended associational meetings 34 consecutive years.

1929 - 58th Annual Session Mt. Carmel, September 17-18th. After opening exercises, Rev. D. Earl Allen read the report on Missouri Baptist Hospital and a tribute of respect was paid Dr. J. L. Downing, a returned foreign medical missionary, who had been a patient at the hospital and who died September 16, 1929. New names appearing in the minutes include: Rev. H. E. Truex; Rev. R. I. Clemings; Lee Eager, who reported on the Unified Budget; Rev. A. W. Tandy, who gave an address on Hardin College; Rev. B. A. Owen, who preached a missionary sermon from Matt. 28; Rev. B. F. Kennedy; Rev. Cecil O'Neill; and Rev. J. S. Jesse. Rev. Jesse, who had preached for 55 years, brought the report on Missouri Baptist Ministers' Aid, and we learned that the retired ministers received around \$11.00 per month and some received \$25.00 per quarter.

A vote of thanks was extended Albert Ellis for the music.

"Western College for Negroes" was represented by Rev. A. Ross Brent, who spoke and "lifted" an offering of \$27.37 for the college. Usual reports were given and business transacted.

Special tribute paid J. B. Palmer and Mrs. George Carpenter.

Mrs. Roy Utz was elected Associational WMU President. The Syracuse choir favored the audience with the anthem "Awake".

1930 - 59th Annual Meeting, Bunceton Baptist Church, September 23-24th. Moderator H. L. Shirley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. After opening exercises, the welcome address was given by our Moderator, who was a member of the of the entertaining church. Reports were given as usual on: Missouri Baptist Sanatorium; Missouri Baptist Orphans' Home; Ministerial Aid; State, Home and Foreign Missions; Unified Budget; Christian Education; B.Y.P.U.; Temperance; Missouri Home for Aged Baptists; S.S.; W.M.U.; Obituaries. A special memorial service in memory of A. G. Baker of Versailles was given by the Associational Board. Report of the Board was read by B. F. Kennedy. L. E. DeVinna-Treasurer of the Association, gave his report. Some new names noted: Rev. G. C. Davis; Rev. A. H. Smith of Western College (an offering of \$25.15 was "lifted"); Mrs. N. P. Baker of Versailles, who read the report on Unified Budget; Rev. A. R. Cole. Mr. J. C. Hockett, Jr., State B.Y.P.U. Secretary, was in charge of the B.Y.P.U. program. Mr. W. L. Nelson addressed the assembly, as did E. J. Melton of Boonville. Rev. G. L. Newkirk gave an address on "Work of the Deacon in the Church".

Special music enjoyed: a duet by Miss Lucille Betteridge and Miss Marsha Ella Richey; a vocal solo by Smiley Embry; duet by Albert Ellis and Smiley Embry, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus", sung in connection with the obituary report; solo by Albert Ellis.

1931 - 60th Annual Meeting, September 22-23rd, First Baptist Church, Versailles, Missouri. Address of welcome by B. F. Kennedy, Pastor. Special music enjoyed during the meeting included: a duet by Rev. J. A. Bryson and Rev. O. B. Holloman; solo by Mrs. C. A. Dinwiddie; duet by Rev. J. A. Bryson and Rev. E. L. Painter. Reports and devotionals were given as usual, congregational singing was enjoyed as was the custom, sermons were preached by Rev. B. A. Owen, pastor of Boonville Church, and by Rev. J. A. Bryson, pastor-at-large, who also presented his report at another time. Dr. Edgar Godbold gave an address on missions.

An interesting talk was given by Rev. A. W. Tandy of Fulton. Rev. E. L. Painter read the report of the Promotional Committee.

Names not noted in minutes of previous years: Rev. N. E.

Williams; Dr. O. W. Cochran; Mrs. W. N. Betteridge (report on Orphans' Home); Rev. J. R. Summers; Rev. I. S. Nicholson; Miss Evelyn Kennedy (B.Y.P.U. report); Rev. W. B. McGraw; Mrs. V. K. Betteridge (obituary report). The name of Henry Moser from the Versailles Church failed to be given in the Obituary Report.

1932 - 61st Annual Session, Boonville, October 4-5th. Welcome address by Dr. O. W. Cochran. New names noted: Mrs. C. C. Alley; Rev. E. H. Michalkowsky; Rev. E. Fromm; Rev. J. A. Roper; Rev. G. R. Timbrook of Centralia; Rev. Paul Weber, Sr. of Jefferson City; E. P. Long; Rev. R. L. Alexander; Dr. Joe Brown of the Word and Way; Dr. Blake Smith of Mexico, Missouri; Allen Maddox; Miss Marie Ball (B.Y.P.U. report); Dr. J. F. Herget, President-William Jewell College; Dr. A. L. Meredith; Margaret Eager, who rendered a piano solo. Other special musical numbers included: a piano solo by Murlin Kelsay, aged 9, of Boonville; an organ solo by Mrs. William McFarland; a vocal number by young people's quartet of Boonville. Albert Ellis of Syracuse was at the piano at this meeting as was true several other years. R. L. Moore, Sr. was the only one present who had attended the first meeting of Lamine Baptist Association, which was held with the Freedom Church near Versailles, October 21, 1872.

Mrs. Kate Finley, who had been a member of the Boonville Church since 1861, was introduced by Dr. O. W. Cochran and spoke briefly. Since Treasurer-L. E. DeVinna had moved to Saline County, Rev. B. F. Kennedy was appointed treasurer.

1933 - 62nd Annual Meeting, Stover Baptist Church, August 29-30th. Officers were:

Moderator-H. L. Shirley, Bunceton,

Assistant Moderator-Dr. O. W. Cochran, Boonville

Clerk-Minnie Cook, Boonville

Treasurer-V. K. Betteridge

Pastor-at-large-Rev. J. A. Bryson, read his report of work done in District #5.

The report on Relief and Annuity Board's work given by Nellie Cook showed the total amount received from Missouri from both the Cooperative Program and the Ministers' Aid Society was \$3,493.42 and the amount paid to beneficiaries in Missouri was \$6,138.20 due to earnings from the Hardin Memorial Fund. This amount was distributed to 29 ministers and 20 widows in quarterly stipends. In the report of Home for Aged

Baptists read by Rev. B. F. Kennedy, we learned the Home was in serious financial difficulties. Debts were large, and so serious was the financial condition that people who had loaned money to the Home agreed to settle for 50% of the face value of the notes if they would be paid within 2½ years. The Home had 65 to 70 people and operated at a cost of around \$50 per day. Rev. J. A. Roper of Eldon spoke on "The Lake of the Ozarks". Rev. B. F. Kennedy emphasized 100,000 club to help pay Southern Baptists debts.

Vocal solos were by Mrs. C. A. Dinwiddie and Miss Evelyn Kennedy. New names appearing were those of Rev. Perry O. Sanders and Rev. B. E. Lett. Rev. R. L. Alexander was pastor at Freedom and Peninsula. Miss Marie Ball was Association President of B.Y.P.U.

1934 - 63rd Annual Session, Otterville, Perry O. Sanders, Pastor, August 28-29th. Due to a lack of funds for printing the minutes and a deficit of \$273.00, the Board of the Association voted to have the minutes mimeographed and abbreviated as much as possible, which reduced the cost to \$10.

Persons not mentioned in previous years who had a part in the program included: Rev. A. I. Jones; Mrs. William Schlottz-hauer, Rev. F. E. Dinwiddie; Rev. W. C. Brodersen; Rev. B. F. Davidson; Katherine Jones of Pilot Grove; Miss Gertie Gray; Jacob Fry of Stover; Rev. Eubank; Rev. Howard Lewis; Rev. L. C. Robinson. Usual reports were given. Mrs. J. W. Rowles, Syracuse, was elected Associational WMU President. Special music throughout the various sessions included: a girls' quartet from Syracuse; a duet by Gertie Gray and Katherine Jones; a young men's quartet of Syracuse Church; a mixed quartet; solo by Miss Lucille Betteridge; solo by Mrs. C. P. Tutt.

The First Baptist Church of Versailles withdrew from the Lamine Association in 1934 and joined the Miller County Association. (This withdrawal was a sad mistake on the part of the Versailles Church—Mrs. Royce Moser 1971)

1935 - 64th Annual Session, Syracuse, August 27-28th. T. W. Long brought a recommendation of the Executive Board that when the debts were paid—Lamine Association join Concord Association. Offering for Western College was \$2.59.

Special music was by a girls' quartet and a mixed quartet of Syracuse, Albert Ellis, and a girls' quartet from Southwest College, which sang several numbers. Dr. Courts Redford of Southwest Baptist College brought an address. The Juniors

and Intermediates of Otterville presented a B.T.U. drill.

Mrs. L. L. Cole elected WMU President. New names appearing: Rev. E. H. McClenahan; Mrs. G. L. Newkirk; Rev. Pierce; Roy Williams; Rev. R. K. Kelly; Rev. George R. Craig; Mrs. W. C. Brodersen; Mrs. Crockett Hickman. These all had a part in the proceedings.

1936 - 65th Annual Meeting, Pilot Grove, Dr. A. I. Jones, Pastor, August 25-26th. Rev. Blount F. Davidson was District Missionary. Usual reports given. Sermons and addresses were by George Craig, S. E. Ewing, W. D. Baker, B. F. Davidson.

A plea was made for more support of the Cooperative Program. A playlet "Cantitis" was rendered by the Junior B.Y.P.U. of Pilot Grove. R. E. Kirchner brought the report of the Executive Board. The various sessions were made more enjoyable by these musical numbers: Miss Catherine Jones brought a violin solo, a quartet of Syracuse young people sang, Miss Josephine Shepherd played a piano solo, a girls' quartet of Pilot Grove sang, three young men from Southwest Baptist College brought trumpet numbers, Miss Betty Barnes sang a solo, the four daughters of Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Newkirk sang.

Miss Laura Kirchner gave the B.Y.P.U. report. Dora Sims Steele of Webb City gave an interesting report and told of her struggles in helping organize missionary societies in the association. Mrs. C. C. Alley was elected WMU President.

1937 - 66th Annual Session, Freedom, Rev. John H. Cravens, pastor, September 14-15th. Miss Minnie Cook read a letter of Dismission from the Miller County Baptist Association of the First Baptist Church of Versailles so that it could unite with the Lamine Association. Motion was made that the rules be suspended and that First Baptist Church of Versailles be admitted to membership in the Lamine Association and its messengers seated. H. L. Shirley gave the Versailles Church a hearty welcome and gave the messengers the hand of fellowship.

Dr. Frank Connelly of China gave a talk on Missions and Customs in China.

Mr. J. T. Williams, a member of Freedom Church for the past 75 years, spoke briefly on the meeting that was held at Freedom Church 65 years ago when the Lamine Association was organized. Mr. R. L. Moore, Sr., of Boonville, stood with Mr. Williams as, he, too, was at the organization meeting.

Report of committee on Stewardship and Brotherhood was

given by R. E. Kirchner — a committee that has not been noted before. Mrs. George Craig elected WMU President.

1938 — 67th Annual Session, Syracuse Baptist Church, September 13-14th. Rev. H. W. Gadd, Syracuse Pastor, gave the welcome address. An offering for Western Seminary for Negro ministers amounted to \$12.50. Mrs. Irene Hanley spoke of her work among the Jews in St. Louis.

Some reports were: Committee on religious literature—J. W. Farris, Assistant Moderator; Annual report of the District Missionary—Blount F. Davidson; Treasurer—V. K. Betteridge; Executive Board—L. G. Christian, pastor at Versailles; Associational WMU work—Mrs. George A. Craig; Associational S.S. report—Miss Ida Belle Hornbeck; Associational B.T.U. report—Mrs. Oren Dinwiddie; Committee on Home for Aged Baptists—Rev. H. W. Gadd; Committee on Baptist Schools and Colleges—Rev. G. Elmo Purvis; Missouri Baptist Orphans' Home—Miss Minnie Cook; Ministerial Relief and Annuities—Rev. O. B. Holloman; Missouri Baptist Hospital—Rev. George Craig; State Missions—Rev. W. C. Brodersen; Home Missions—Mrs. J. L. Spillers; Foreign Missions—Rev. Leslie Christian; Stewardship and Brotherhood work—R. E. Kirchner; Obituaries—Mrs. Crockett Hickman; Nominating Committee—T. C. Porter; Mrs. George Craig introduced Mrs. J. W. Taylor, divisional WMU chairman.

Special music throughout the meeting included: The Golden Jubilee Hymn "Blow Ye the Trumpets" sung by Miss Mildred Moon and Mrs. F. G. Hopkins; Mary Virginia Thomas; two daughters of Rev. and Mrs. George Newkirk sang a duet; a duet by Mrs. Stahl and Albert Ellis, all of Syracuse, also Rev. and L. D. Hardiman.

Besides the annual sermon, Dr. Paul Weber, Sr. of Jefferson City preached, Rev. W. C. Brodersen delivered a message on "Our Missionary Achievements", Dr. C. E. Copeland gave a talk on "Our Missionary Institutions".

1939 — 68th Annual Session, Mt. Nebo Church, September 12-13th. A brief history of Mt. Nebo Church was given by W. B. Downing. Reports were given as usual. Dr. C. E. Copeland representing Missouri Baptist Hospital showed some pictures in connection with his talk on the work of the hospital. S.S. report was by Miss 'Ila Belle Hornbeck and B.T.U. by Miss Elizabeth Bahrenburg.

Rev. Louis Hardiman, representing Western Negro Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, preached the missionary sermon from

Deut. 1:7 and Matt. 5:1 -- Subject: "Pilgrims". Rev. and Mrs. Hardiman sang. An offering of \$20.10 was taken for the seminary.

An address, "Our Baptist Program", was given by Rev. R. W. Leazor of Sedalia. Joseph E. Brown, editor of Word and Way, brought the closing sermon, using the subject "Baptists Looking Forward".

Mrs. Royce Moser

(We have had, regretfully, to condense Mrs. Moser's work somewhat because of limitations of space.)

1940 - 1954

1940 - The 69th Annual meeting of Lamine Baptist Association was held at Versailles with a total registration of 306. Devotional and Address of Welcome was given by the pastor. Rev. L. G. Christian.

Seventeen churches reported to the Association. V. K. Betteridge, treasurer, reported total receipts \$610.62, disbursements \$546.87.

Our District Missionary, Blount F. Davidson, reported that he is expecting to be called back into military service as chaplain and that the Association search for someone to take over the work as soon as he leaves the field. We regret to lose the services and fellowship of our beloved missionary. The work of the Association has made much progress under his leadership since coming to us in 1936. It was recommended: That we continue our cooperative work with Concord Association on the same basis as the year just passed.

The first Youth Camp of Lamine Association was held at Gravois Beach, each church had their group in a cabin and provided the food and cooked for own group. An enrollment fee of \$1.00 was paid.

1941 - First Baptist Church, Boonville.

Moderator-H. L. Shirley, Bunceton

Assistant Moderator-J. W. Farris, Boonville

Clerk-R. E. Kirchner, Syracuse

Treasurer-V. K. Betteridge, Mt. Nebo

S.S. Superintendent-Carl Hewlett, Otterville

Training Union—Estel White, Boonville
WMU President—Mrs. Miller Kent, Boonville

Dr. P. F. Squyres came to Concord—Lamine Association as District Missionary in April of this year.

Report of recommendations: That we aid the Akinsville Church in paying on the pastor's salary to the extent of \$3.00 per month.

That we ask the State Executive Board for \$200.00 to apply on the salary of our District Missionary.

That we commend the activities of our various Associational departments including the Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and Stewardship and that our board be instructed to make such appropriations for the activities of these departments as the board deemed necessary and wise.

Under the direction of Mrs. R. D. Grisby and Mrs. Miller Kent the second Youth Camp was held July 15–17th at Gravois Beach. 104 attended. Dr. P. F. Squyres was camp pastor and Rev. Carl Hewlett led in a period of handicraft each day.

Four mission study classes were held, 68 awards given.

1942 – Otterville. The Youth Camp was held July 14–16th, at Gravois Beach, Rev. R. N. Nolte, camp pastor.

Rev. L. D. Hardiman, Sedalia, represented Western Baptist College of Kansas City, presented their needs and received an offering of \$23.99.

Recommendations submitted by the Executive Board to the Association were accepted. Therefore, be it resolved: That we unite our efforts with the efforts of the churches in Concord Association to increase the salary of our Missionary, Dr. P. F. Squyres to \$2400.00 per year. This would raise our part from \$425.00 to \$560.00.

It was decided to hold most of our Associational meetings at the Syracuse Church because of the gas rationing and traveling situation, this church being most centrally located in the Association. Motion prevailed that our minutes reserve space for a memorial for the late Rev. Creed C. Marriott, Southern Baptist Missionary to China from Lamine Association.

Mrs. M. G. McGuire received 43 subscriptions to the Word and Way during the annual meeting.

The Syracuse Baptist Church observed their Centennial this year.

Rev. H. M. Harris, Foreign Missionary to China delivered a stirring inspirational message.

1943 - Akinsville Church with 230 registered. Welcome address by pastor, Rev. Orval Woolery, Temperance address given by Rev. Walter P. Arnold, pastor East Sedalia Baptist Church.

It was reported that some of the work has been handicapped because of the gasoline and tire rationing and other adverse conditions due to the war. No Youth Camp was held this year.

Richard Glenn Alley, of Peninsula Church, and Oscar Bishop, of Otterville Church, gave their lives in service of their country.

We are aware that our churches are laboring under the handicaps of the present world conflict. Let us make every possible effort to offset the enforced limitations by increased devotions to all of our local work.

1944 - Mt. Carmel Church, 227 registered. The Associational Baptist Training Union fostered a Sword Drill contest in which Shirley Bishop won first and Nancy Bishop won second. These girls are from Otterville Baptist Church and are entitled to go to Mexico, Missouri for the State Contest.

Mrs. R. E. Kirchner WMU President reported 119 attended the July quarterly meeting. Guest speakers were Rev. and Mrs. I. V. Larson, returned missionaries from North China.

Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board reports we have work in 17 countries with 502 appointed missionaries in active service.

1945 - Annual meeting held at Syracuse Church, Thursday and Friday, September 13-14th with 253 registered. Devotionals led by Dr. T. W. Croxton, pastor First Church, Sedalia. Introductory sermon by Rev. Willard L. Bright, pastor Versailles.

It is with deep regret that we accept the resignation of our District Missionary, Dr. P. F. Squyres, who so faithfully labored in this Association the past four years. The churches were strengthened by his service and many souls were saved through his efforts.

A committee: H. L. Shirley, W. L. Bright and Dr. Glenn Farr, to be known as the joint missionary committee to work with Concord Association to secure a missionary for the two associations.

The boys who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War II just closed be given special recognition, that a page in our annual minutes be set aside and dedicated as a "Gold Star Associational Honor Roll". Sgt. Richard G. Alley, S/FC

Oscar M. Bishop, Pvt. David Ward, Pvt. Andrew L. Carver, Sgt. Howard L. Richey, Pvt. Arthur Combs, Pvt. Norman Sanders, Pvt. Harold Bryan, Pvt. William A. Smith.

1946 - 75th Annual meeting held at Bunceton, 303 registered.

Rev. J. O. Gash came to be our missionary January 1st of this year.

No Youth Camps have been held the past four years due to war conditions.

Another name to be added to Gold Star Associational Honor Roll: S/2C Harlan Neale.

Rev. J. O. Gash, District Missionary, introduced the following pastors: Dr. Glenn Farr, Boonville; Rev. W. L. Bright, Versailles; Rev. Elmer Mundy, Mt. Olive and Bethlehem; Rev. Wm. Martin, Mt. Nebo and Pilot Grove; Rev. Kenneth Wilkinson, Stover; Rev. Wayne Masters, Akinsville; Rev. O. B. Holloman, Mt. Hermon; Rev. Ernest Waite, Otterville; Rev. M. C. Ballenger, Syracuse.

The Brotherhood reported three Brotherhood organizations with 122 members; of the 17 churches in the Association, 10 have Woman's Missionary Union with 403 members.

1947 - Stover, 276 registered. It was reported that the missionary committee met with the missionary committee from Concord Association. After much time and discussion the committee adopted a proposed constitution of the joint board for the Concord-Lamine Associations. The Lamine Association, under agreement, is to take one third of the total joint budget.

This constitution, when adopted by each co-operating Association in annual session, shall be then in force and effect until dissolved by mutual agreement of the two Associations and any assets held jointly shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the joint board. If such dissolution is agreed to, all assets on hand shall be apportioned as follows: one-third to Lamine Association, two-thirds to Concord Association.

128 attended Youth Camp held at the Lions Club Picnic grounds near Versailles. Miss Irene Branum, who was making plans to sail for China as a missionary, was present and told how God had called her into this "great work". Miss Mildred Lee Arnold, Boonville, camp director; Rev. W. L. Bright, Versailles, Camp pastor. There were ten conversions.

1948 - Mt. Nebo. Rev. Sterling P. Kerr, pastor, gave the Welcome Address. Devotionals were given each session by Dr.

Alexander Best, Versailles.

Rev. Elmer Clawson, pastor at Higginsville, represented the State Board in a message to the Association.

Youth Camp was held at Camp Jennings with 83 attending.

Barrels of fruit and vegetables were sent to the Children's Home, Home for Aged and Missouri Baptist Hospital.

Our work has gone forward in a marvelous way under the efficient leadership of our missionary Rev. J. O. Gash.

1949 - The 78th annual session met with First Baptist Church, Boonville. Approximately 300 attended. Rev. Wayne Rosecrans, pastor, gave the welcome address.

Report of committee to examine the petitions of Locust and West Union churches which were applying for membership in the Lamine Association.

We recommend: That we accept Locust Church of Versailles, Missouri into the fellowship of Lamine Baptist Association and that the moderator of our Association extend to the pastor and members, which are present of the Locust Church, the hand of fellowship and welcome them as representatives of their church to this Associational Meeting.

We recommend that we accept into the fellowship of Lamine Baptist Association, West Union Baptist Church of Versailles, Missouri subject to the receipt of their annual letter to the Association and that our moderator extend unto the members present the hand of fellowship and that we welcome them as representatives of their church into this Associational Meeting.

Motion carried that Locust and West Union churches be accepted into Lamine Association.

Baptist Training Union reported 3 young people represented the Association in State Contest. Miss Anna Lee Painton, Otterville placed third in Junior memory work drill; Miss June Allison, Boonville, Sword Drill; and Miss Donna Strange, Boonville, first in Young People's Better Speakers Tournament.

The WMU meeting was held with the Otterville Church July 12th, with emphasis on young people. YWA, GA and Sunbeams presented the program. Dr. Alexander Best brought the inspirational message. 156 attended this meeting.

1950 - First Baptist Church, Versailles, 266 registered. Rev. J. O. Gash, district missionary introduced the following pastors: Rev. Wayne Rosecrans, Boonville; Rev. Ed Winchell, Bunceton; Rev. E. L. Kennedy, Bethlehem; Rev. L. V. Webb, Freedom and Locust; Rev. L. F. Ryan, Mt. Carmel; Rev. Denzil

Albin, Mt. Hermon; Rev. Sterling P. Kerr, Mt. Nebo and Pilot Grove; Rev. John Muncy, Otterville; Rev. Hugh Trotter, Stover; Rev. C. M. Renno, Syracuse; Rev. David Head, Peninsula; Rev. Alexander Best, Versailles.

Fifteen churches reported a total of 23 revival meetings during the year; total number baptisms was 127.

104 attended the Youth Camp at Jennings. Miss Beulah Mae Peoples was camp director; Rev. Ed Winchell, camp pastor; missionary speaker was Kikuo Malsukawa, Georgetown, Kentucky.

Sunday School reports most of the 19 churches have Sunday Schools, about one-half of them held V.B.S. The Theme for 1950-51 will be "Take Your Family to Sunday School".

1951 - 80th Annual Session held at Syracuse. We were sorry to lose the service and guidance of the Rev. J. O. Gash, former missionary.

We are both thankful and grateful to our Lord for sending us Rev. J. M. James to be our District Missionary.

Youth Camp was held at Camp Jennings July 9-13th. 128 attended. Despite high water which prohibited swimming and the heavy rains which hindered the recreation program the camp was unusually good. There were 8 professions of faith and 6 who surrendered their lives for full time Christian service. Miss Ina Faye Strange, Boonville, was voted the Star Camper. Rev. Ed Winchell served as camp director; Rev. J. M. James, camp pastor; Mrs. Shelton Ball, young peoples director; Rev. Goneson, Taos, New Mexico was missionary speaker.

The Association sent Mrs. Shelton Ball to the Regional Young Peoples Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. The inspiration and information she received has meant much to our Young People's work.

Mr. J. W. Farris, assistant moderator, paid a tribute to Mr. H. L. Shirley who has served Lamine Association as moderator so efficiently for 29 years and presented him a pen and pencil set as a token of appreciation.

Miss Irene Branum gave an interesting talk on China.

1952 - Bethlehem. The devotionals were conducted each session by Rev. Chester Barry.

Seventy-four men and boys attended the "Man and Boy Banquet" at Versailles. Rev. Walter P. Arnold, Sedalia was the speaker.

Another activity sponsored by the Brotherhood organization

was a Laymen-Pastor Revival held at Olive Branch Church. Messages were brought by Rev. Wayne Masters, Rev. Farrie Cole, Jr., Rev. J. M. James and A. P. Reichel. We have eight Brotherhood organizations in the Association.

GA and RA Camp was held August 14-16th at Clover Point 2-C, Kaiser, Missouri. 68 persons attended. Miss Marjorie Ruth Fisher was the Star Camper. Camp personnel included: Rev. John Muncy, camp director; Rev. J. M. James, camp pastor; Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Rowland, Missionaries to the Indians, Quapaw, Oklahoma who brought with them an Indian boy, 11 years old. Their messages of inspiration were well received by the campers.

1953 - Otterville, welcome address was given by Jesse Straten.

Visitors and representatives recognized during the session included: Dr. T. W. Medearis, Jefferson City; Rev. Elbert Menge, Missouri Baptist Children's Home; Dr. H. H. McGinty, Word and Way Editor; Rev. Lloyd Collins, Kansas City; Rev. J. O. Gash, Bolivar; Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Oglesby, missionaries to Ethiopia who told of their work in this mission field.

Cooperative Program is the God given means by which all of our mission activity at home and abroad is financed.

We have 879 foreign missionaries in 32 countries. The Foreign Mission Board appointed 84 missionaries this year.

Camp Clover Point 2-C was attended by 57 boys, girls and faculty. Miss Carol Deuel, Boonville served as camp director. Star Camper was LeRoy Moon of Otterville. Jose Mendez, Mexico and Anna Belle Crouch, State Young People's secretary were the missionary speakers.

Officers elected were:

Moderator-J. W. Farris, Boonville
Assistant Moderator-R. E. Kirchner, Syracuse
Clerk-Minnie Cook, Boonville
Treasurer-V. K. Betteridge, Mt. Nebo
S.S. Superintendent-Dr. Roy Williams, Stover
Training Union Director-Rev. W.C. Smith, Sedalia
WMU President-Mrs. A. P. Reichel, Boonville
District Missionary-Rev. J. M. James, California

1954 - First Baptist Church, Boonville. Rev. Glen Irons, pastor, welcomed the messengers and visitors.

90 persons attended three one-day VBS Clinics representing 12 churches. 14 Vacation Bible Schools were held in our

churches this year.

Lamine Youth Camp at Clover Point 2-C was attended by 58 persons. Rev. James Allen, Syracuse, served as camp director. Rev. and Mrs. Roe Bears were our missionaries. Mission study books were taught by Mrs. Ruby Cox, Beulah Mae Peoples, Anne Neale, Archie Reichel, Bill Anthony and Rev. James Allen. Star Camper was Miss Mary Brewer. We had 8 professions of faith and one dedication for special service.

117 men and boys assembled for feasting and fellowship at the "Man and Boy Banquet".

The Annual Fish Fry sponsored by the Brotherhood was attended by 165 men and boys at Mt. Olive Church.

A motion was made that Lamine Association withdraw from Concorn Association and proceed to set up its own missionary program. The motion was defeated 51 to 17.

Plans were made to cooperate in the Nation Wide Evangelistic Crusade in 1955.

We pause to pay tribute to former moderator H. L. Shirley, who was moderator for 29 years and now has gone on to glory since our last meeting.

The Association is the most important unit of denominational life for the promotion of the total program.

Mrs. Clarence M. Brumback

1955 - 1968

Facts gleaned from associational minutes spanning the years 1955 - 1968 can never reveal all the work, sacrifices, joys and sorrows interwoven into the life of Lamine Baptist Association during this period. They can help, though, to record some of the material and spiritual accomplishments of those dedicated to the task of extending the kingdom of our Lord through missions.

1955 - "For the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4: 6. This was the theme for the 84th Annual Meeting held at First Baptist Church, Bunceton, Missouri, on September 15-16, 1955. The Rev. Elmer Orr, pastor of the host church gave the address of welcome and presented the devotion, "The Ideal Church". His scripture was Rev. 3:13. A. P. Reichel, First Baptist Church, Boonville, presided. He served as moderator

for five consecutive years and again in later years.

In his report on district missions, Rev. J. M. James, District Missionary, expressed his gratitude for the progress that had been made that year. Growing interest was shown in all phases of the work.

First Baptist Church, Versailles, built a new home for their pastor.

One of the highlights of the year was the annual Brotherhood fish fry held at the Syracuse Baptist Church. More men were present than at any Brotherhood meeting in the history of the association. Attending were 212 men and boys. After Dr. Bradley Allison, First Baptist Church, Lebanon, Missouri, spoke, two young men made professions of faith. Several laymen expressed their desire to be soul winners.

There were more boys and girls who attended camp than in the past. It was held at Camp Kaiser, south of Eldon. It was the first joint camp of Lamine and Concord Associations. The RAs and GAs each met for half of the week. Lamine had 116 attending both camps. The Brotherhood sponsored the RA's camp for the first time.

After much prayer and study by the Committee on Amendment of Constitution, changes were made that would clarify and complete the functions of the constitutions.

1956 - The Annual Meeting convened with First Baptist Church at Versailles, September 13-14th. There were 280 who registered. The Rev. L. E. Johnson, pastor, conducted the devotional using as his scripture, II Peter 1:11.

Boonville, Mt. Olive, Otterville, Stover, Syracuse and Versailles were recognized as Four Star churches.

A motion was made that the Gravois Baptist Church be received into the association. There was no opposition. The church was given a hearty welcome by the moderator. The Olive Branch Church was reinstated as an active church.

Challenging Christians as to their responsibilities in government affairs, one of the resolutions submitted by the Resolutions Committee was that during this election year people be urged to study all the candidates and then vote as Christians should. Especially, should they determine the candidate's stand on matters concerning separation of church and state. Also, the evils of the liquor traffic were to be considered.

A committee was organized for the purpose of planning for any joint work that might be helpful between Negro Baptist

and us.

Work of the Royal Ambassadors became a joint work of the Brotherhood and WMU.

The WMU went over the goal in all special offerings.

The rural churches were urged to make a church field survey and it was recommended that all churches participate in the simultaneous revivals to begin April 7th.

The slogan, "Blot out the past, absorb the present, and seize the future", was adopted by the association.

1957 - Annual Meeting held at First Baptist Church, Syracuse, on September 12-13, 1957, with 350 registered.

The provocative title, "When God Breaks Up Your Nest", was the subject of the Rev. P. L. Allen's introductory sermon. He took his text from Deuteronomy 32:11.

The Rev. J. M. James who resigned as Superintendent of Missions in 1956 was succeeded by the Rev. William M. Osborne who began his work on February 1, 1957. He urged all pastors and churches to participate in all associational meetings and activities and for all members to join hearts and hands in promoting evangelism, stewardship and missions during the year.

The WMU reported that the mission offerings exceeded those for many years. The Lottie Moon Offering went over the \$1000 goal.

An interesting excerpt was read from a letter from Evangelist Billy Graham written March 20, 1956, to E. S. James, editor of the Baptist Standard. It stated: "Concerning the Cooperative Program, I believe it is the greatest means ever devised by the church for the giving of one's tithe. In private and public conversation, I support the Cooperative Program without hesitation."

Giving through the Cooperative Program, the associations showed an increase from \$9,373.45 last year to \$10,783.94 this year. The budget for Lamine was \$3,675.00, an increase of 22% over last year's budget.

One of the outstanding features of the year's work was a clinic for the Forward Program in Church Finance. A kickoff banquet on July 25th was well attended.

Training Union work showed a great growth.

Miss Irene Branum, missionary, serving with the Baptist Hospital in Pusan, Korea, spoke of the Baptist work and of her many experiences in Pusan.

Hearing our missionaries in person brings home to us the

outreach and accomplishments made possible through our giving through the Cooperative Program and special mission offerings.

1958 – The Rev. Morris Potter welcomed members representing thirteen churches as they gathered at Mt. Olive Baptist Church September 11–12, 1958, for the 87th Annual Meeting.

The association adopted five items that the Superintendent of Missions, Rev. William M. Osborne, urged to be emphasized in the years ahead. They are as follows:

1. The Baptist Jubilee Advance, including the setting of annual and five year goals for achievement.
2. The achievement of all goals as set out in the Long-Range Rural Church Program of Southern Baptists.
3. Increased support of World Missions through increased percentage giving to associational missions and the Cooperative Program.
4. "The 30,000 Movement" with new missions and churches started in Concord and Lamine Associations.
5. Maximum participation in the 1959 nation-wide Simultaneous Revival Crusade – March 15–29th.

Because of a growing conviction that Southern Baptists ought to do more for missions, it was recommended:

1. Every church include the Cooperative Program in its budget.
2. Each church set the percentage of its budget to be given through the Cooperative Program before rather than after items in the budget are determined. Missions should be first rather than last in the responsibility of a Baptist church.

The Forward Program of Church Finance was carried out in the Boonville, Stover and Syracuse churches.

The material compiled by Mrs. Farrie L. Cole, Sr., depicting progress of WMUs of Lamine Associations for the past fifty years was sent to the publishers.

At the Annual Associational Meeting, Mrs. Royce Moser, who had served as one of the WMU Presidents spoke of the 50th Anniversary. Mrs. Bob Potter, President, lit the fifty candles on the WMU birthday cake while the names of those who had served as president were called. Those present were: Mrs. F. L. Cole, Sr., Mrs. C. C. Alley, Mrs. R. E. Kirchner and Mrs. A. P. Reichel as well as Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Moser. Mrs.

Cole was presented a beautiful corsage for her work on the WMU history and her service during the seven years as president. The congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to WMU.

The proposed constitution for the association was adopted and became effective immediately, September 12, 1958.

Highlight of the Sunday School Department's report was the Departmental Clinic held at the Syracuse Baptist Church. More than seventy awards were given for the teaching of departmental books.

Plans were completed for Schools of Missions to be held during the week of September 21-25, 1958.

Forty years ago, the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was established in order to give aged ministers some security. At this time, 1958, in Lamine Association, only six out of seventeen churches are in the retirement program. This showed a lack of concern and it was urged that all churches take part in this worthy program.

A motion was made and carried to place Akinsville, Beulah and Olive Branch churches on the inactive list. A committee was appointed to investigate property of these churches.

Appreciation was shown Miss Minnie Cook, Boonville, who served as the associational clerk for 29 years.

1959 - Otterville Baptist Church was host for the Annual Meeting on September 19-11, 1959. The Rev. Elmer Clawson, member of the church, gave the welcome address.

A. P. Reichel expressed his appreciation for the cooperation given him through the years of his work as moderator. He urged all associational workers to be consecrated workers.

During this year, a "300" Club was formed. Its purpose was to provide funds to assist in the purchase of property and/or the first unit of a permanent structure for new missions and churches within the territory of Lamine Association. To all those wishing to participate, membership was open on the following basis:

1. Pay an initial membership fee of \$5.00.
2. Agree to pay either \$5, \$10, or \$25 within thirty days after each call was issued.
3. Membership involves a maximum of five calls with not more than two calls being issued within the calendar year beginning January 1, 1960, and not more than one per year thereafter.
4. Membership could be terminated at any time upon thirty days written notice to the club secretary.

The committee report on inactive churches gave the following information:

Beulah Church: "This church building is to be used by any religious group that wants to hold services. When it ceases to be a church, the land goes back to the original farm."

Akinsville Church: "When this ceases to be a church the land reverts to the original farm. There is nothing said about the building or furnishings."

Olive Branch Church: "When McNeal sold the farm, one acre was reserved for the church. There is no other record. This church belongs to Baptists by right of possession and paying taxes for thirty-one years."

A committee was appointed to investigate the Locust Church situation and endeavor to help it become an active member of Lamine Association if they so desired.

This year marked the beginning of the Jubilee Advance Program.

The simultaneous revival method of evangelism again proved effective. There were as many baptisms during the Crusade as there were during the year. The total number of baptisms was 180 from fifteen Baptist churches. Eighty-five of these were won during the Crusade.

Appreciation was extended to the retiring moderator, A. P. Reichel, for his five years of faithful service.

1960 - Assistant Moderator Everett White presided at the Annual Meeting held at the First Baptist Church, Boonville, Missouri, on September 8-9, 1960. The Rev. Glenn A. Irons, pastor, welcomed those present.

The Locust Church was reluctantly dropped from the list of churches. It had stated several times it did not wish to be part of Lamine Association and had not cooperated in any way or sent in any reports.

The Associational Church Library Council was a new department of work established.

The name "300 Club" was changed to "300 Mission Club".

"M" night meetings became one of the highlights in Training Union work. Many servants of God have received their inspiration for special service and preparation for more effective work through this organization.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Renfrow, missionaries on furlough from Brazil, were present at the Annual Meeting. Mrs. Renfrow gave the Foreign Mission report and shared an ex-

perience of a young girl who had been won to Christ. Through her witnessing, she had already won nine to Christ including her family and friends.

In his message to the association, Rev. Renfrow preached on "Missions". His text was taken from the 12th chapter of Hebrews. He spoke of the changes taking place in the last five years and of our own complacency in our homes and churches.

A motion was made to send, on behalf of the association, a letter of appreciation to the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Troop who are working as missionaries in Brazil.

1961 - 90th Session was held at Bunceton Baptist Church on September 14-15, 1961, with 273 in attendance. The Rev. Robert Streeter gave the welcome address and used Romans 1: 9-12 as his scripture reading.

James Rastorfer served his first year as moderator.

This was a busy year for the Missions Committee. The first Associational Missions Rally was held at Mt. Olive on March 3rd. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the people about the needs for mission points in the association and acquaint them with the "300 Mission Club". There were six pastors and one hundred people present. Eleven churches were represented.

It was voted to set aside an additional \$200.00 each year for the new mission fund. With the aid of the Superintendent of Missions, Rev. William Osborne, and at the request of the Home Mission Board working in connection with the 30,000 movement, an extensive survey of the association was made. This was done in order to determine the needs and to point out places best suited for establishing missions.

During the years, many tracts, letters and periodicals pertaining to our mission task were distributed.

The Baptist Jubilee Rally was held at the Otterville Baptist Church, March 27, 1961. There were 191 in attendance with thirteen churches represented. The Rev. J. R. Wallace, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sedalia, brought an inspiring message on revival.

The Baptist Jubilee Revival was held April 9-23 with 10 cooperating churches. Baptisms for the year were 174.

The Sunday School was given an Efficiency Rating of 100% and a Classification A.

1962 - The 1962 Minutes of Lamine Baptist Association

were dedicated to V. K. Betteridge for his 30 years service to the Lord as Treasurer of the association. 276 registered during this meeting held at First Baptist Church, Syracuse on September 13-14th. The Rev. Bob Potter welcomed those present.

The dream of starting a mission in the association began to become a reality during this year. A survey showed a need for a Baptist church in the western part of Boonville. To lay the ground work, a VBS and a tent revival were held on the grounds located one block west of the Selwyn Shoe Factory during the last week in August and first week in September. The Rev. Gene Osborn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayette, was the evangelist and the Rev. Joe Mustion of First Baptist Church, Boonville, led the singing.

A school of missions with 12 churches participating was held in February

The Baptist Jubilee Revivals were held April 1-15th. There were 8 churches cooperating. There were 122 Baptisms during the year. There were 208 present at "M" night.

At the Annual Meeting, Rev. William Osborne, Superintendent of Missions gave a presentation, "A Backward Glance and A Forward Look". Using pictures, charts and slides, he showed Baptist work in our association and how our work spreads throughout the world.

1963 - Rev. Charles Sexton, pastor of Versailles Baptist Church, gave a warm welcome to those attending the Annual Session held there on September 12-13, 1963. This was a memorable year for several churches and organizations.

WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention celebrated its 75th Anniversary. In recognition of this event, some of the women dressed in attire like that worn 75 years before. A prayer retreat was held at Windermere where hearts were prepared for a year of prayer for world missions, "That The World Might Be Saved".

At one of the quarterly WMU meetings, Rev. Paul Bellington, missionary to Brazil, preached a challenging message. Margie Held, Pilot Grove, spoke on "Missionary Education and Youth" at the July meeting. She shared some of her experiences while serving in summer missions under the Home Mission Board.

It was during an Associational GA Camp that she dedicated her life to full time Christian service. She was granted a Madge N. Truex scholarship.

The Bunceton Church installed a new baptistry and added a room to its parsonage.

Mt. Nebo began full time preaching services.

The Mt. Carmel Church redecorated their church and their pastor, Earl Hoskins, was ordained.

Mt. Hermon Church redecorated. Their attendance increased during the past year.

In May, the Mt. Olive Church called the Rev. Gary Payne as pastor. He was also ordained during that month.

The Gravois Mills Church finished paying off their building and the Otterville Church installed a new baptistry and redecorated the auditorium.

The work toward establishing a mission in West Boonville quickly came to fruition. At the October 1962 Executive Board Meeting it was voted to use the "New Mission" money on the purchase of the two lots where the VBS and tent meeting had been held. Ground breaking ceremonies were held February 17, 1963. Construction of the building began on April 4, 1963, and the first worship service was held in the new building July 28, 1963. Dedication services were on December 8, 1963, and Santa Fe Trail Baptist Chapel was constituted as a church December 29, 1963. There were 87 charter members. All this became a reality because men had a vision and help came from many sources. More information of this work is found under the history of Santa Fe Trail Baptist Church.

The Rev. Glenn A. Irons was among those to whom tribute was paid during the memorial services at the Annual Meeting. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Boonville, from 1954 to 1963. It was during this period that Boonville First Baptist Church became the mother of another church.

1964 - On September 10-11, 1964, 225 assembled at the First Baptist Church, Boonville, for the Annual Meeting.

The request by Gravois Mills Church for permission to ask the Baptist State Board for financial aid to carry on the ministry of the church was granted.

A film strip projector and screen were purchased for associational work. The Syracuse Church purchased a new organ and a background mural for the baptistry.

First Baptist Church, Boonville, reported that they had lettered out 87 members to establish Santa Fe Trail Baptist Chapel.

John Potter was licensed to preach by the Syracuse Church.

Stover erected a beautiful educational building. Versailles Baptist Church installed a new heating system, air conditioned the auditorium and purchased new pulpit furniture. The basement and first floor were redecorated.

At the April meeting of WMU, Miss Irene Branum, missionary to Pusan, Korea, gave an inspirational message of her work there.

At the July meeting, Mrs. Umbellina Landera presented a challenging message. She was a former WMU president of the Cuban Baptist Convention.

In order to encourage more churches to participate and promote missions, a missions rally was held at Santa Fe Trail Church on January 28, 1964. The Rev. Roy S. Denkins was the guest speaker. The theme was "Outreach for the Unreached". Twelve churches were represented and there was an attendance of 103.

A number of the churches continued to participate in the Jubilee revivals.

One of the highlights of the year was the Missouri-Australian Crusade. Lamine Association helped to enlist workers and direct the work.

In December, 11 churches were represented at Training Union "M" Night held at First Baptist Church, Boonville. There were 176 in attendance.

The First Baptist Church, Otterville was host to the 240 who attended Lamine Associational Annual Meeting on September 16-17, 1965. All churches were represented. The Rev. Ervin Benz, pastor, gave the welcome address.

The Rev. William Osborne resigned as Superintendent of Missions effective on or before December 30, 1965.

Bethlehem celebrated their first year as a full time church.

During this year, there were 89 additions by baptism as compared to 103 the previous year. There were 103 to join the churches by letter. This was 32 less than the year before. Nineteen revivals were held and twenty-one the year before. It was emphasized that this reflected the need for a spiritual awakening in the churches.

In a message at the Annual Meeting, Rev. Harold Renfrow, missionary to Brazil, told how much the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering means to the missionaries in their work. At the October WMU meeting, Rev. and Mrs. Leland Harper challenged those attending with a message on the work and needs of their

mission field in Paraguay.

During the Annual Meeting, Phillip Kepley from Hannibal La Grange College, speaking of our Christian Colleges, warned Baptists about accepting federal aid. He said that Baptists are not in complete agreement on this matter. There is a marked trend in the bigger college to accept federal aid. He brought out that we no longer become a Christian institution but an institution with some Christian traits. It is important that Baptists be consistent and that our colleges be different. Jesus said "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Mark 12:17.

During the annual session, after much discussion and urging the members to be much in prayer and to seek God's will, it was voted to dissolve the working agreement with Concord Association effective December 31, 1965. It was stressed that the desire to withdraw from Concord was not due to a spirit of animosity. It was felt that Lamine could make more progress and do better work under the leadership of a Superintendent of Missions who would be able to give more time to the needs of the association.

1966 - Every church was represented at the Annual Meeting held at the First Baptist Church, Stover, on September 8-9, 1966. There were 187 registered. Rev. Guy Brown, pastor, gave the welcome.

The quarterly meetings of WMU were well attended and the people were privileged to hear several missionaries. Mrs. Nowlan of Australia, Mrs. Harold Renfrow, Brazil and Mrs. George W. Poulos shared their experiences. Rev. and Mrs. Poulos had recently been appointed to serve the Greek speaking people of Europe.

The GA's of Lamine Association attended their first House Party. It was held at First Baptist Church, Boonville April 22-23rd with 112 attending.

The Peninsula Church redecorated and re-roofed their building. The Pilot Grove Baptist Church purchased a parsonage and an acre of ground with a vision to expanding.

The Versailles Church continued to prove their concern for missions by contributing \$100.00 monthly to each of two missions in Iowa. They have increased their cooperative giving 1% each year for the past 14 years.

During the year, a small gain was made in the association's Sunday School enrollment.

A School of Missions was held during the week of October 2-7, 1966. The churches in which the meetings were held were Bunceton, Boonville First, Santa Fe Trail, Pilot Grove, Peninsula, Mt. Nebo, Mt. Olive, Versailles, Stover, Syracuse, Otterville and West Union. There was a total attendance of 3,947. These churches were greatly blessed by the missionaries who spoke.

In February, a special meeting was called by the Executive Board to decide upon disposition of the property owned jointly by Concord and Lamine. It was voted to sell Concord its third of the property for one-third of the total appraised value which was \$618.76.

It was voted to delete the Constitution of the Concord and Lamine Joint Board from the minutes.

A. P. Reichel, Boonville, gave the report of the special committee which had been working toward the solution as to what course of action should be taken by Lamine Association. At the annual session there was no opposing vote to the motion that Lamine stand alone as an association. It was also voted that the Committee on the Future of Lamine be authorized to continue the task of finding an associational missionary.

The decision was made for the clerk to send a letter to Concord Association expressing our gratitude for sharing their missionary with us and for the many years spent working together.

Due to the withdrawal of Syracuse Church from Lamine, meetings to have been held there were rescheduled to meet at the Mt. Olive Church for the balance of the calendar year. When Lamine and Concord separated, Syracuse went into Harmony Association much to the regret of Lamine.

In a message delivered by Rev. Walter P. Arnold, he sketched briefly the early beginning of Lamine Association. He spoke of the toil and privations endured during these days in order that we might have the rich heritage that we now enjoy. He stated that we build on the labors of those who have gone before just as future generations will build on our labors. He said we cannot afford to go back. We are laborers together with God and we must go forward for Him. We must be the living spring sending forth the word of life. Brother Arnold used John 4:35-39 and Mark 16:19-20 as his text.

1967 - Rev. Troy Payne welcomed the 96th annual session of the Lamine Association held at the Baptist Church in Pilot

Grove on September 7-8, 1967. There were 165 registered with most of the churches represented. A. P. Reichel, who succeeded James Rastorfer as moderator, presided.

Rev. Charles A. Whaley gave his first report as Superintendent of Missions. He began his work January 1, 1967, and moved to Fortuna on February 1st. He is pastor of the Gravois Mills Baptist Church. He publishes a monthly news-letter for the association. Anyone may receive it by request.

His concern and dedication to the Lord's work were reflected in the closing remarks of his report. He stated: "As I conclude this report to the Lamine Baptist Association, I want to humbly urge each of you, because of the trying times in which we live, to strive more earnestly to win the lost and strengthen our churches. I beseech you that you never cease to remember me in your prayers."

It was voted to have the clerk, Mrs. Ray Rookey, write a letter expressing the association's appreciation to Ollie Hardin for his eight years of faithful service in Sunday School work.

The Youth Camp, so vital to the physical and spiritual nurture of our children met at Windermere Baptist Assembly Grounds. It has been held there since 1966.

1968 - The Bunceton Baptist Church was host to the Associational Meeting on September 12-13, 1968. Rev. William Horn, pastor of the church, extended a cordial welcome to those in attendance. There were 189 present.

During these thirteen years, the budget increased from \$3,000.00 to \$8,125.00.

Music is one of the important aids in preparing hearts for the Gospel message. For years, it's been an integral part in the associational program. Hymn Sings and Singspirations have proven successful in creating interest and participation.

Larry Allen, Santa Fe Trail Church, Boonville, told of his experiences while serving as a summer missionary to Puerto Rico.

During the year, the Versailles, Mt. Carmel and Mt. Hermon Churches observed their centennial celebrations.

In May, four nights of Training Union emphasis were held at First Baptist Church, Boonville and Versailles. Workers came from the Training Union Department of Jefferson City. About 100 people attended these meetings.

At the Annual Meeting, Rev. Marvin Nobles spoke of the work being done by the Christian Civic Foundation. One of the things he and others are doing to help combat the evils of alcohol is showing a film dealing with alcohol and what it does to the brain. This is a program taken into the high schools and presents a very dramatic and vivid true illustration of alcohol's deadly harm.

One of the most successful evangelistic rallies ever held was at First Baptist Church, Boonville, with an attendance of 450. A Negro choir and preachers in Boonville took part in the rally. Rev. Earl Clemons was associational leader of evangelism.

The outstanding subject discussed and promoted through the office of Evangelism in 1967-1968 was the Crusade of the Americas to be held in 1969. Intensified efforts were made to enlist every church in Missouri to be a part of the greatest single evangelistic thrust in modern Christian history. Its purpose was an all-out effort to deal with every area of life. When the church sets its sights upon the lost and unenlisted, social, economic and political adjustments will be made.

Nine churches reported 123 baptisms in 1968. This was the best report in three years. Over this 13 year period, there have been 1667 baptisms.

God's promise to us in Psalm 126:6 is: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

We Baptists believe this but do we really go forth to win the lost as we should? The statistics hold the answer.

These were years of world chaos and crisis; when our nation was divided over the Viet Nam war and other issues. Years of unrest, rioting and demonstrations.

It was during this period in history that man made his first flight into outer space, orbited the earth and came within 9.4 miles of the moon's surface.

Through it all, God continues to work through his people. In Lamine Association and elsewhere, they continue to be the heralds of His message.

Virginia L. Bailey

1969 - 1971

This historical sketch will attempt to highlight the important events of our Lamine Association, as they can be ascertained from the records. What we glean from the records is interesting and often surprisingly dramatic through its long and colorful history.

Through 1969, we focused our attention upon total stewardship with the theme, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Belief and Relevance...Through Total Stewardship."

This year witnessed one of the greatest ventures in recent years among Baptist Churches -- "The Crusade of the Americas." Thirteen churches in the Association participated in this great effort to evangelize the Americas. Forty-three baptisms resulted from the Crusade. Time alone will reveal the true results of the Crusade.

Two Evangelistic Rallies were held this year, one at Boonville First with the Morgan Street Church cooperating with messages and music ministry. This rally was noted to be one of the three top rallies in Missouri. The other rally was held at First, Versailles.

During the past associational year, the Northern Hills Mission, Topeka, Kansas, came into being. As soon as the Mission started to function, the Lamine Association gave \$1200.00 to help this Mission get its start. \$1000.00 was designated by the Executive Board to both the Stover and Santa Fe Trail Churches to help in their new building projects.

Our Association feels much concerned and feels a part in the mission sponsored by the Versailles First Church, at Muscatine, Iowa. VBS Mission offering sent to Grace Temple Mission, Muscatine, Iowa amounted to \$87.96. This offering over and above the mission offering given in VBS.

The Associational Youth Council was formed at the Otterville Baptist Church on February 7, 1969 under the leadership of Rev. Earl Clemons, former pastor of First Baptist, Boonville. Sixty-six young people and adults were present. The council voted to meet quarterly, with Jamie Campbell from Santa Fe Trail Church, Boonville, serving as president. On June 6th, the youth met at Harley Park, Boonville with 46 members present for a cook-out and talent show. The devotion was given by Roger Williams of Versailles. The last meeting of the year was held at Versailles. The youth meetings have

continued through the past two years with good attendance.

1969 - On September 11, 1969, Lamine Baptists met for their 98th Annual Session at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Florence, Missouri. The 1969 minutes of Lamine Association, as well as those of 1968, earned a "Superior Plus" rating from the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee in the Associational Annual evaluation. They were submitted by Mrs. Ray Rookey, our Associational Clerk.

Offerings for Western Baptist College, Kansas City, had doubled in the past two years.

The general emphasis for 1970 was "Living the Spirit of Christ in Openness and Freedom".

A team of Associational leaders attended a two-day session at Camp Windermere. The conference "Shaping the 70's" was held to study the new grouping-grading plan which went into effect October 1, 1970. New age level organization names and magazines gave new appeal and freshness to WMU work as they began the new decade.

Our WMU, with Mrs. C. M. Brumback, Director, received a certificate of Recognition from the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of the S.B.C. for being a distinguished organization.

Our Association conducted two Seminary Courses. Rev. Charles Whaley, Superintendent of Missions, was teacher of all the Seminary Extension classes with courses in 1969, 1970 and 1971. We commend Rev. Whaley for his untiring efforts in leading the Association. He is a man of great energy for the Lord's work.

A WMU Leadership Clinic was held at the Otterville Baptist Church on August 18, 1970 with nine churches represented and a total attendance of 45.

In January of 1970, the Executive Board voted a grant of \$200.00 to the Gravois Mills Church for their project and \$1,000 to Pilot Grove to help on their new church building project. The Pilot Grove members erected a new \$35,000.00 brick veneer church, which was dedicated on September 20, 1970.

1970 - The 99th Annual Session of the Association was held with the Bethlehem Church at Florence, Missouri, September 10-11, 1970; A. P. Reichel, moderator. Progress was noted in all the reports.

We feel that special recognition and gratitude is due our Historian, Mrs. F. L. Cole, Sr., who has served in this capacity the past eight years. She has organized the compiling of the

history for the Lamine Association and the Centennial in a most commendable fashion.

The work and plans for this, the last year in this century, were formulated at Mt. Olive January 10, 1971 by the Associational Council which is composed of all pastors and associational officers. One of the important features was planning for the World Missions Conference to be held November 6th through 14th.

Missionaries will be represented from Home Mission Board, State Mission Board and area missionaries and pastors. We pray that these conferences will bless and strengthen all our churches and challenge us to greater service.

An Associational Hymn Sing was held at Boonville First March 7, 1971. A very good Song Fest was planned by Mrs. Mel Lantz, Associational Music Leader. This meeting was well attended. The music consisted of solos, duets and quartets from the various churches.

Another historical event was a ground-breaking ceremony on April 11, 1971 for the Peninsula Church. This church, now 94 years old, is to add a new addition to their present structure.

The Santa Fe Trail Church had a successful Annual Stewardship Emphasis over a period of four years. Their budget has increased some \$6,700.00 over this period.

Baptist Men's Day was observed by most of the churches on January 24th.

Many of our boys and girls attended the Annual Lamine Associational Camp held at Windermere in August.

The Pilot Grove Church will celebrate their Centennial in September.

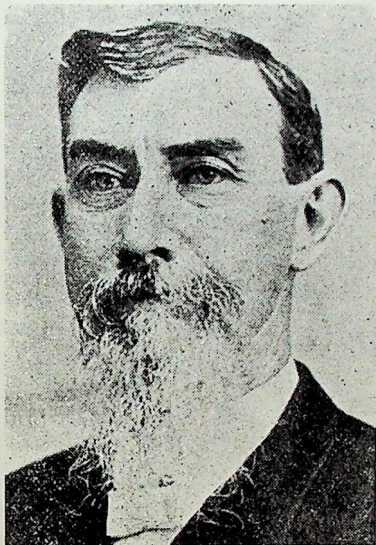
At this writing plans are being made to have a historical pageant revealing the historical highlights of the past century in our Association.

The pageant is being written by a special committee: Rev. Mel Lantz, Rev. Archie Warren and Rev. Corydon Hudson. It will be presented on September 8th, on the night preceding the Annual Associational Meeting at First Baptist Church, Boonville, Missouri, September 9-10, 1971.

We conclude by expressing our appreciation for the rich heritage handed down to us by our Baptist forefathers. We pray that our posterity will be blessed by our efforts in trying to carry out the Great Commission. Let us accept the chal-

lenges and opportunities of the present and the future as we advance together in the name of Christ. God grant that we, too, may leave a rich heritage to those who serve after us in this, our Lamine Association.

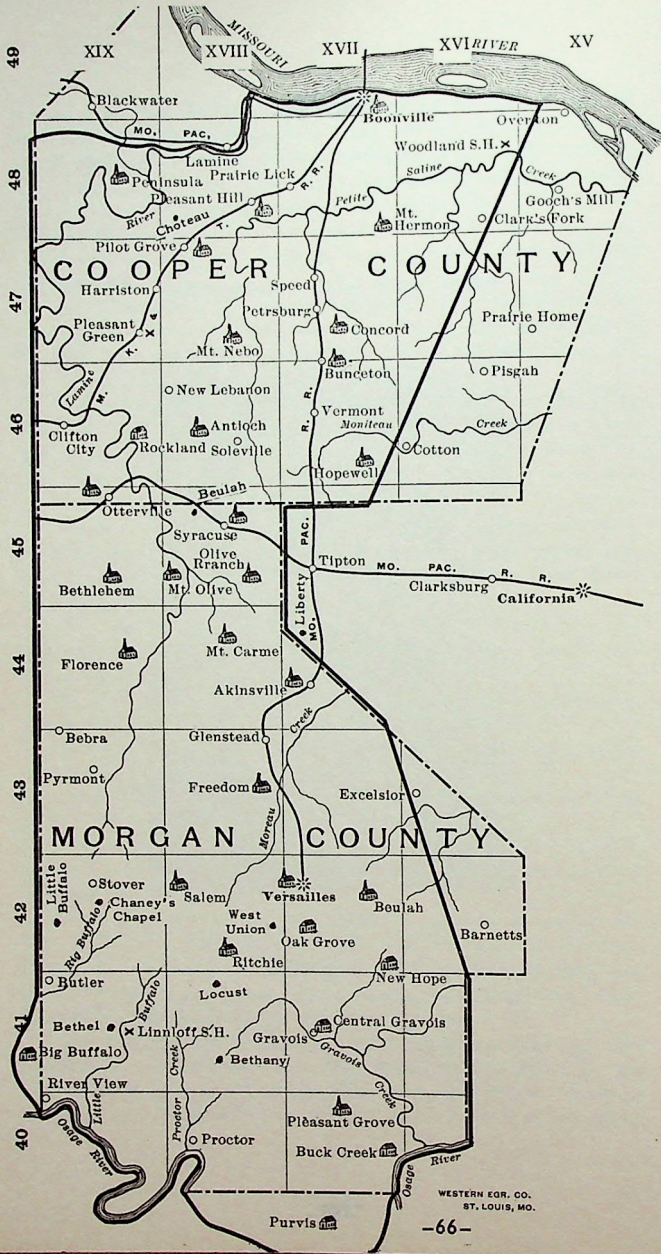
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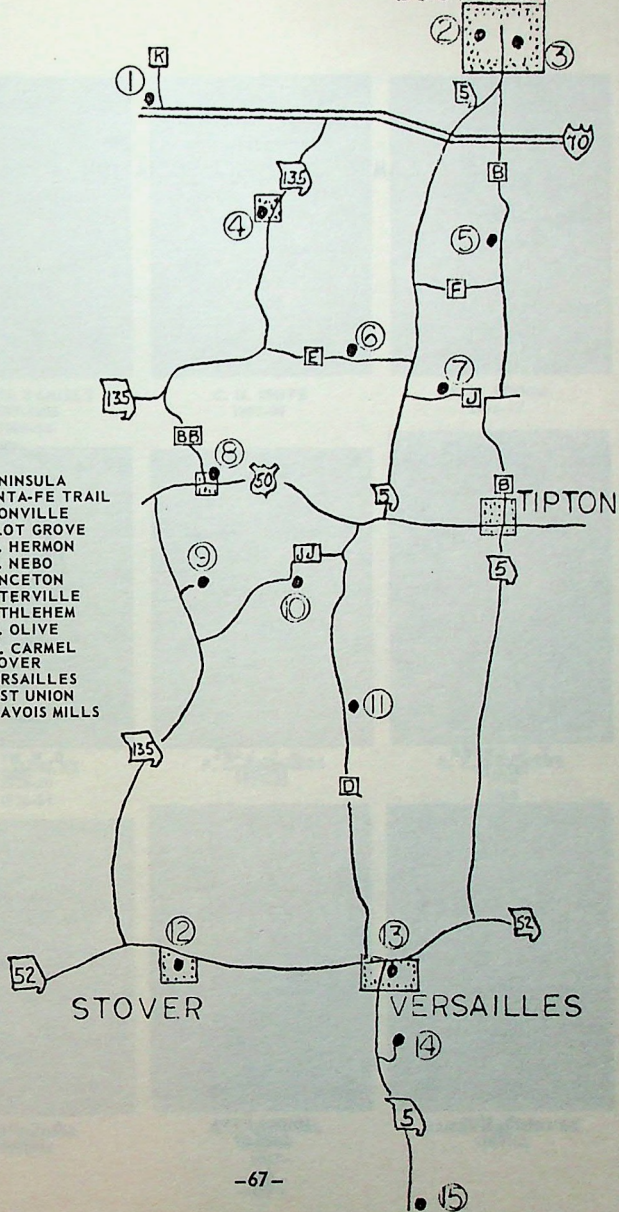
Rev. B. G. Tutt, or G. B. Tutt (they are believed to be the same person), preached the annual sermon at the first meeting of Lamine Baptist Association on Thursday, October 31, 1872. His text was Proverbs 11:30 - "He that winneth souls is wise."

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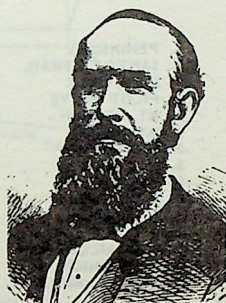


MODERATORS OF LAMINE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



T. V. GREER
1872-74

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G. W. HYDE
1880

M. L. LAWS
1875-79



J. E. SIMS
1881



JOHN LETTS
1882-89

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D. C. DALE
1890-96



SAMUEL DANIELS
1897-1906
1909-14



C. N. WHITE
1907-08



R. L. MOORE
1915-17



H. L. SHIRLEY
1918-20
1926-51



F. C. RICHARDS
1921-25



R. E. KIRCHNER
1952
1960



J. W. FARRIS
1953-54



A. P. REICHEL
1955-59
1967-



JAMES RASTORFER
1961-66

CHURCHES OF LAMINE ASSOCIATION



MT. NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH

June 3, 1820, a year before Missouri became a state, a group of settlers met in a little log school house about a mile north of what is now the town of Bunceton to organize Mt. Nebo Baptist Church.

The names of Lydia Corum, Jordan O'Bryan, Abraham and Nancy Woolery were recorded but the complete list has been lost.

The organizing council was composed of Luke Williams, John B. Longan, and Kemp Scott. The church called Luke Williams who lived five miles west of Boonville to be the first pastor. Rev. Williams preached without fee or reward, traveled

on foot over a large scope of territory visiting the members and supported himself and family by work on his farm when he was not engaged in preaching. Cooper County was little more than a wild territory. Then began the building of the first meeting house north of Bunceton.

Jordan O'Bryan, a layman of remarkable ability, was the first clerk. He wrote a circular letter giving scriptural reasons for support of the gospel ministry. For several years he served as a member of the state legislature from Cooper County.

Mt. Nebo first joined Mt. Pleasant Association in 1820 and became a member of Concord Association when it was organized at Mt. Nebo Church in 1823.

In 1827, the membership divided on the question of missions. The anti-missionary group retained the house of worship. The missionary group withdrew and organized New Mt. Nebo Church. In the autumn of that year, their first contribution to missions was sent by the messengers to the annual meeting of the association.

They worshiped in school houses and in the homes of their members until a frame building was erected on the ridge opposite Henry Woolery's Mill in 1839. This site was one-half mile east of the present building. Alvin P. Williams, an able leader, was pastor at this time. Later he became moderator of the Missouri Baptist General Association.

In 1842, Rev. Williams led in a great "protracted" meeting when 52 were baptized in one day and 22 more were added by baptism on the next meeting day.

The Missouri Baptist General Association met with the church in 1849.

During this era, the church grew and members lived in the country comprising parts of Cooper, Saline, Pettis and Morgan Counties. To accomodate this large membership, arms of the church were established in the following places: (1) 1835 at Bro. John Lampton's south of New Lebanon; (2) 1841 near Beaman in Pettis County which became Providence Church; (3) 1843 a group near Bro. Rentches became Pleasant Hill Church; (4) 1844 a group at Bro. Gentry's in Pettis County became Flat Creek Baptist Church; arms of the church on Clear Creek, Flat Creek in Morgan County and Heath's Creek in Cooper and Saline.

The church exerted a watch care over these missions. Whenever they needed advice and counsel, they came to the

mother church and they were not disappointed.

The early church members shared their joys and sorrows and if a member seemed to be going astray, the matter was brought before the Saturday conference. The church was patient with offenders and sometimes it was several months before the matter was settled. Also the church could be very sharp with an offender. May 1838 a member was charged with buying and selling slaves for the town market. Disapproval was expressed. The offender asked to be considered a member no longer. Immediately the church declared he was no longer a member. Slaves were owned by the members, but buying and selling them for profit was not tolerated.

Other instances of discipline involved card playing, being "out of the way by drinking spirituous liquors to excess", fights between members (pulling off their coats in an affray), profane language, marital troubles, communing with other denominations, non-attendance, dishonest in trading horses, making false statements about the pastor, "dancing in public company thereby dishonoring their Christian profession and casting dishonor upon the church."

In 1854, Robert H. Harris became pastor and the church voted to build a new meeting house. The location for the present building was approved. It was intended to build the house of brick. A kiln was built, the bricks burned and the walls were started when the bricks were found to be unfit. So the walls were torn down and the present frame building was erected. A partition through the center separated the men's side from the women's side. A balcony was built in the back so the negroes could worship with their masters. The balcony or gallery remained until 1885 when it was torn away.

The house was dedicated August 1857. Rev. E. S. Dulin, president of the Baptist Female College of Lexington, Missouri preached the dedication sermon.

The Baptist General Association again met with the church in 1858.

No reference to the Civil War was found but probably due to the aftermath of the war when bitter feelings existed between friends and even families we read in the March 1866 record of how the church tried to heal the wounds. It was resolved to live by the teachings of the Bible, to exercise charity, to remove prejudice and cultivate a spirit of brotherly love.

In 1869, Bro. Edmund (colored), sexton, was asked to cite

the delinquent colored members to church. Three appeared at the next meeting to offer their excuses and they were restored to full fellowship.

A great revival began October 23, 1870 and continued 21 days when 42 gave their Christian experience. The pastor, G. W. Hyde was assisted by B. G. Tutt of Concord Baptist Church.

In 1870, the church voted to give regularly to the Foreign Mission Board, State Missions, Domestic Mission Board, and the Sunday School Board.

The first record we have of Sunday School was when B. C. Clark was elected superintendent in the spring of 1870. It seems that Sunday School was active only during the summer months and was concluded with a picnic in late summer. In the spring, the church would vote to "revive" the Sunday School and elect a superintendent. Since 1884 there has been an all year Sunday School.

69 were enrolled in 1891, 108 in 1921, and 54 in 1970.

Minutes of the October conference of 1872 state that "Brethren Thomas McGhee, Lewis Hutchison, F. M. Boulware, and B. C. Clark were chosen delegates to aid in the formation of a new association, to meet with the Freedom Church in Morgan County". Thus Mt. Nebo became a member of a third association, Lamine.

The grasshopper invasion of 1875 caused much concern. Pastor G. W. Hyde suggested that "May 18th be set aside as a day of humiliation and prayer to God for his blessings upon us as a church and nation in removing the devouring insects that were devastating our land."

The first Woman's Missionary Society was organized in 1895 with Mrs. R. E. Downing president. A second society was organized in 1910. The present society was organized September 17, 1931 by Mrs. Farrie L. Cole, Sr. and a group of women from the Otterville Church. Mrs. Fred Groves was the first president.

The church approved the organization of a B.Y.P.U. June 1925 and Roy Quint was elected president. A young people's organization had functioned earlier but the church did not elect the officers. 17 were enrolled.

Training Union succeeded B.Y.P.U. in 1943. 36 were enrolled. Mrs. Arthur Williams was elected B.T.U. director.

The first VBS was held in 1931 with the pastor M. J. Berquist, principal. C. W. Hewlett was principal of the VBS in

1941. Since that time VBS has been a yearly summer activity. Mrs. C. M. Brumback and Mrs. Noel Cole have served as principal.

Between 1946 and 1951 the interior of the church building underwent extensive change.

October 1962 while G. W. Poulos was pastor, the church went to full time preaching for the first time in the history of the church.

The 1822 minutes of Mt. Pleasant Association report Mt. Nebo Church with 36 members. For awhile after the division in 1827 the membership varied from 27 to 34. In 1849, there were 173 members; 1900 there were 119; 1950 the membership was 93; 1970 a membership of 54 resident members was reported.

Financial support of the early work of the church was by private subscriptions and collections. Separate solicitations were made for each need. The budget system was adopted in 1916. The church has experienced lean years but has never had assistance from other churches or the Home Mission Board. The total mission offering in 1900 was \$45.00. In 1950 it was \$451.31. In 1970 the total mission expenditure was \$2,039.00.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Oglesby were accepted for work in Ethiopia, East Africa for the Sudan Interior Mission in 1933.

Miss Irene Branum was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board for work in China in 1946. Miss Branum is now serving in Pusan, Korea.

Two former pastors are now in the foreign mission field. Rev. Stanley P. Howard is serving in Japan. Rev. George W. Poulos and wife were appointed for work to the Greek-speaking people in Europe in 1966. After two years in language school in Athens, Greece, they were sent to Germany and are now serving in Belgium.

Margie Held Lacquement committed her life to missions while a member of Mt. Nebo Church. Later she served as a summer missionary in Ohio and Panama.

Dr. M. J. Berquist, a former pastor, became the first president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has continued to serve in that office.

Men ordained to the gospel ministry: Thomas Riggs, 1833; Jesse G. Birkley, 1841; James A. Brumfield, 1899; Kenneth Oglesby, 1930; Roy F. Williams, 1936; Ralph Branum, 1946.

The following have served as clerks: Jordan O'Bryan; John Taylor; Wm. J. Woolery; Jas. W. Woolery; J. C. Corum;

H. S. Titsworth; B. C. Clark; W. F. Boulware; S. W. Crossley;
J. R. Marye; C. W. Oglesby; E. L. Graves; Mrs. T. N. Turner;
V. K. Betteridge; Mrs. Chatham Read.

PASTORS

Luke Williams
Payton Nowlin
Kemp Scott
Tyree C. Harris
Robert H. Harris
George W. Hyde
E. T. Shelton
J. K. Godbey
A. M. Cockrill
Joseph Stermlinger
T. M. Ester
H. F. Aulick
F. J. Dieterle
H. H. Schwamb
Lloyd Foley
Millard Berquist
O. A. Winscott
H. P. Matlock
Sterling P. Kerr
Elmer Orr
Leslie Price
Henry E. Hansen

Peter Woods
John B. Longan
Alvin P. Williams
Elias George
B. G. Tutt
I. B. Dotson
H. M. Richardson
S. T. Hudson
James A. Brumfield
E. J. Sanderson
G. W. Sanderson
J. T. Osborne
R. J. White
Clyde Hampton
H. J. Brumley
Howard Lewis
C. W. Hewlett
Wm. E. Martin
Chester O. Barry
P. L. Allen
George W. Poulos
Dannie L. Fisher

INTERIM PASTORS

Stanley P. Howard
G. C. Greenway
Walter P. Arnold

Dr. Fred Neiger
Elmer Clawson

We are thankful for the lives of many men and women given
in service for Christ through Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. May her
influence continue to bless the community in the years to come.

Written by Mrs. V. K. Betteridge



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOONVILLE, MO.

The history of First Baptist Church, Boonville, dates to 1843. On Saturday, December 30, 1843, a sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. M. Lewis in the school room of Mr. A. Bronaugh in Boonville, after which "such brethren and sisters as were present were invited to take their seats to consider the propriety of constituting a United Baptist Church in the above city."

The Rev. Mr. Lewis was appointed moderator, and Z. Morley clerk pro tem. Present were the following brethren:

Reuben E. McDaniell

David Lilley

Jordan O'Bryan

Elizabeth Dow

Maria Elliott

Susan D. O'Conner

Elizabeth N. Richardson

Alfred Simmons

Lawrence B. Lewis

and the following sisters:

Sarah Gates

Eliza Ann Hickman

Delia McDaniell

Frances B. Major

This group voted to constitute a church to be called the First Baptist Church of Jesus Christ in Boonville. A church covenant, articles of faith and rules of decorum were then adopted.

On September 1, 1844, the church voted to open correspondence with Concord Association; and appointed Brethren Lilley, O'Bryan and Simmons as delegates....and agreed to send a contribution of one dollar.

Late in 1844 the church called Elder Tyree C. Harris as their first pastor. He served for ten years. No salary is mentioned in the minutes until 1851. At the January 1, 1851, business meeting it is stated "that the subscriptions for 1851 be filled up with the sum of Three Hundred Dollars as the salary to be given by the church to the pastor".

The church must have met in the school, above, for a period of time. The church's first building was erected in 1847. It still stands at 518 Vine, but is now used by a business. The present sanctuary was built in 1889; and the original building became known as Turner Hall. About 1896, additional hitching posts were placed on a back lot, itself newly purchased, to accommodate increasing numbers attending the services. A basement was built at the rear of the church in 1917 to accommodate a growing Sunday School. A kitchen was included in the plans. An educational annex was added in 1922. The newest educational building was completed in 1952.

The first church parsonage was purchased in September, 1884, at a cost of \$1,200.00. It was located adjacent to the church property on Vine St. Some subsequent parsonage locations were: the Alexander property on Sixth St. (1918); 904 Locust St.; 805 Pendleton (1958); and the present house at 415 Center Ave. (1964).

The church's history includes that of the Negro Brethren of the community. The minutes of February 25, 1844, state: "...received by letter two sisters of color, viz., Nelly and Polly." There are continual notations through these early minutes, prior to the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation, concerning the admission of colored members. Only a first name is given in most cases. The minutes of September 1, 1847, indicate that only white male members were authorized to represent the church at the associational meeting. However, a certain Brother Grandison, colored, is granted a license to preach in May, 1859. At the same meeting, the colored members were allowed the right to use the church on Sunday evenings, twice each month, when not in conflict with other appointments. Following the close of the Civil War, and their emancipation, plans developed for a Negro Baptist church. In November, 1865, fifty-two colored members of the church were dismissed in order to form a new church in the city. This is the present day Morgan Street Baptist Church, 811 E. Morgan.

Along with other denominations, ours was very strict in

its discipline. A part of the minutes of practically every session in the 1870's dealt with charges which had been preferred against various members for such offences as refusing to pay honest debts, partaking of strong drink, dancing, attending theatres and circuses, gambling, neglect of public religious duties and continual absence from regular services. The usual procedure was to have a committee talk with the offending party, in an attempt to seek from him a spirit of remorse and repentance. If he persisted in his way, he would be dismissed from the church fellowship until repentance was made.

A very critical, and surely monumental, act of discipline was dealt with about 1896 under the leadership of pastor C. M. Truex. About this time the church was disturbed by the heresy and noncooperation of a certain J. F. Rutherford who had at one time served as church treasurer. In 1900, after frequent and patient sessions with and about this man over a period of years, the hand of fellowship was withdrawn from him. He later became known as "Judge" Rutherford of the Russelite (Jehovah's Witnesses) heretical sect.

The church had an early "non-resident membership" problem. A committee reported on November 3, 1853, that there were 119 members, 36 (or 30%) of which had moved out of the church bounds without taking their church letter. The total membership, in comparison, in 1970 is 874 members, 290 (or 33%) of which are non-resident.

There seems to be no record of when the Sunday School was started. A year end report to the church in the minutes as early as September 12, 1875, shows that a Sunday School was in the program. It had 14 workers, and 48 attending. By comparison, the 1970 report gives an enrolment of 425, with an average weekly attendance of 213.

This same report (1875) shows the total previous year's receipts to be \$1,484.25. Eleven dollars of this had been designated for "grasshopper suffers." By comparison, the church's 1970 total receipts amounted to \$49,393.00.

About 1896, under pastor Riggs, a Baptist Young People's Union was organized.

The church has had an active Brotherhood and WMU for a number of years.

The Santa Fe Trail Baptist Church in Boonville began as a mission of the First Baptist Church under the guidance of Rev. Glenn Irons. Details of this work will be carried under the history of the Santa Fe Trail Baptist Church elsewhere in this book.

The register of pastors of First Baptist Church reads as follows:

Tyree C. Harris	1844	C. V. Northrup	1901
Robert N. Harris	1854	S. P. Gott	1903
J. W. Mitchell	1856	W. H. Stone	1906
Spencer H. Olmstead	1858	J. F. Kemper	1910
X. X. Buckner	1860	A. M. Ross	1911
G. B. Tutt	1864	T. F. Harvey	1916
M. M. Pandelford	1866	C. R. Sorrell	1918
Charles Whiting	1867	F. E. Cooper	1920
I. L. Blich	1871	P. O. Silvara	1926
G. W. Rogers	1872	B. A. Owen	1930
M. L. Laws	1874	W. C. Brodersen	1934
S. F. Taylor	1877	Paul Weber, Jr.	1940
A. W. Chambliss	1878	Glenn L. Farr	1944
G. W. Hyde	1879	Wayne Rosecrans	1949
A. Machette	1881	Rodger E. Rendahl	1951
S. M. Provence	1887	Glenn A. Irons	1954
M. E. Broaddus	1883	Marshall Boroughs	1964
T. M. S. Kenney	1891	Earl Clemmons	1964
Milford Riggs	1893	Mel Lantz	1970
C. M. Truex	1896		

The following have served as Ministers of Music and Education: Donald G. Reed, Joe Mustion, Frank Burkhead, Jr., Mim Mann, Bill Coehn, Dean Stith, and William Johnson.

The following men are known to have been ordained to the gospel ministry by this church: Harold Renfrow, James R. Deuel and Richard Pohl.

This church has one of the best sets of original church minutes that could be found anywhere, covering the entire history of the church.

Written by Rev. Mel Lantz



BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

In the year of 1846, after a series of meetings in private homes the Bethlehem Baptist Church near Florence, Missouri, was organized. The organization took place at the home of B. F. Dinwiddie. Mrs. B. F. Dinwiddie suggested the name adopted for the church. The first acre of land bought by the church was deeded to "The United Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of Bethlehem Church". The name was later shortened to Bethlehem Church.

Worship services were first held in a log building on the site of Harmony. The same building was used for school and Harmony Grange. Brush Arbor services were held at this same location in summer and fall. Nearly every October a protracted meeting was held.

Early record books were destroyed by fire at the clerk's home, August 12, 1904, but it was known that the Dinwiddies, Cramers, and Finleys were among the first members.

In 1869, the congregation felt the need of its own church building. On March 21, 1869, the church purchased the present

site of one acre of land for the sum of \$30 from Henry and Amanda Wagenknecht. On July 22, 1876, another acre of land was purchased for a burial ground for the sum of \$25 from the same persons. A frame building was built which was used until 1903 when it was sold, torn down and replaced by the present building.

Bethlehem first belonged to Concord Association. In 1871, when Concord Association was divided, Bethlehem became a charter member of Lamine Association. The second annual meeting of Lamine Association was held at Bethlehem on October 24, 1873.

In the early days, the congregation had a business meeting and sermon the third Saturday of each month with preaching the following Sunday. Sometimes the Saturday meetings were held at 11:00 a.m. and other times at 2:00 p.m. Records show that quite often Bethlehem Church did not meet on account of rain. Ministers were often absent from the business meetings and quite frequently from the Sunday services. In August, 1914, the church voted to have half-time services. In May, 1952, a motion was made and carried to have full time services for six months. This was not carried out as the pastor was dismissed. On June 14, 1964, the church again voted to have full time services.

Church discipline was strictly enforced up to 1900. The minutes show that frequently delegates were sent to remonstrate with members whose conduct did not meet the approval of the church. Usually a delegation of three members was appointed to wait upon the member at fault and was to insist he or she come and gain satisfaction. After the committee reported, quite often the member was excluded from fellowship. Some reasons given for excluding members were profaning the name of God, dancing, non-attendance and being delinquent members. Several instances were noted where members asked to be excluded from the church's fellowship and their requests were granted.

In 1887, a committee was appointed to correspond with those members who had moved away. This same committee was to revise the list of members and were to put down none but those who were then living in the vicinity. In later years, the church roll was revised a number of times usually by a committee consisting of the "Deacon Board", the church clerk, and church treasurer. In the early days, a member could ask

for and receive a letter of dismissal when he moved away or became dissatisfied as a member. This letter could be taken to another church of like faith. In 1904, the church passed an act making the church letter valid for six months only. By the year 1900 the total membership was 66. As of May 1, 1965, the membership was 110.

The Bethlehem Baptist Sunday School was organized in 1885. The sum of \$1.35 was raised to pay for the lesson sheets.

In December of 1877, the members of Bethlehem Church met to devise some plan to raise money to defray the expenses of the church. It was decided that each member should pledge to pay so much a week. It was very difficult for the church to meet expenses and at the end of each year it was usually in debt. William Rodgers resigned as pastor in December, 1878. It was July of 1879 before the church was able to collect the \$28 they owed him for salary for the year 1878. During that time, Franklin Ireland served as pastor.

The treasurer's report for the year of 1881 gives the following: pastor, \$38.80; sexton, \$8.00; foreign missions, \$5.00; minutes of association, \$.75; total amount paid out \$52.55.

Quite often a committee would be appointed to collect money to pay the pastor's salary. Frequently the church would be in debt to a member for current expenses and pastor's salary. In 1923, the treasurer was instructed to borrow money to pay expenses if necessary, such to be reported each month.

The sexton's job was usually let to the lowest bidder. In the year 1878, the sexton was paid \$7.50 for the year, that being the lowest bid. For the year 1879, the sexton was paid \$8.75 and was allowed to get the wood for church purposes off of the church and burial ground. In 1880, the sexton was paid \$6.00 for the year. In 1886, a woman of the church was hired as sexton and to care for the church for \$4.50 a year, but she was not required to furnish water. It was the custom in those days, and for many years afterward, not only to furnish a pitcher of water to be placed on the pulpit for the pastor; but, a bucket of water complete with dipper was set on a table at one side of the church for the congregation.

Usually the members met at least once a year and cleaned off the church yard and the burial ground. In 1886, a motion was made and seconded that the grass on part of the church yard be given for cutting it off. In 1897, it was voted to sell

the rails around the church yard and use the money to help buy a wire fence.

Even though the financial situation was often critical at Bethlehem, they contributed to missions and helped other churches.

In September, 1884, it was agreed that the delegates to the Lamine Association should pledge the sum of \$5 for Home Missions, provided the Missionary labored in destitute places. In case he failed to do so, the church did not feel it their duty to give anything at all.

The minutes of May 14, 1898, reads: "An appeal for the First Baptist Church of Newport, Kentucky, was read to us for \$1.00 and the church responded by raising it." An appeal for foreign missions was made in July of 1898. The church took up a collection of \$4.21. In August, 1914, the sum of \$12.75 was collected for district missions.

Each Easter a contribution was made to the Old Folks at Ironton, Missouri from the sale of eggs.

In August, 1946, 100 years after Bethlehem Church had been organized it was voted to give 20% of all income to the Co-operative Program. This has been done ever since.

In December, 1901, a committee of three, James Huntress, James Allison, and H. A. Sanders, was selected to see about repairing the old building or building a new church house. After investigation, the committee suggested a new church be built. This same committee was retained to figure on a new building with the help of W. P. Stephens and Milton Lewis. They decided on a plan for a 30 x 40 building with 18 foot ceiling, nine windows and two doors. They estimated the cost at \$600 cash plus all hard lumber, foundation and labor to be furnished by the congregation. They started raising funds about August 1, 1902. It was later decided to buy the lumber and hire the work done. The church was built by John Schroeder at a cost of \$1200. It was dedicated May 10, 1903. Rev. F. C. Richards preached the dedicatory sermon and \$500 was raised that day which completely paid off all debt.

On September 29, 1946, Bethlehem Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a morning worship service, a basket dinner, and an afternoon program. The morning message "Seed-Time" was brought by Rev. Elmer Mundy, Pastor of the church. The afternoon message "Blossom-Time" was brought by Rev. M. C. Ballenger of Syracuse and the last message of the

afternoon "Harvest-Time" was brought by Rev. Hallie Rice of Sedalia. Letters and messages of congratulations from former pastors and members were read. The church history was read and recognition of older members and visitors was made. More than 300 persons attended the Centennial celebration.

The early records show that a pastor was elected each year, usually in December or January. Quite often the ministers lived in the vicinity. Their salaries ranged from \$20 a year to \$150 paid in 1906. The salary in 1965 was \$2,600.

In later years, student pastors from William Jewell College served the congregation. A layman would go to Smithton or Otterville to meet the train and bring the pastor to Bethlehem. This usually meant the pastor would spend one or two nights in the home of the layman. After services on Sunday night, the layman would take the pastor back to the station to catch the train so he could return to college. These trips were made by wagon, buggy or carriage and later by Model T's.

In 1965, one member, a former pastor, Jack E. Nunn, was serving as Chaplain in the United States Navy.

Bethlehem Church entertained Lamine Association in the annual meeting September 10-11, 1970.

Bethlehem has licensed five members from its congregation to be ministers. They are:

H. A. Sanders
James Holly Miller
Ed Michalkowsky
Walter Brodersen
Howard Lewis

One of the first ministers to be ordained at Bethlehem on the records available was, Marcus Whiting on December 27, 1885.

Others ordained at Bethlehem are:

H. A. Sanders
Sid Waterman
Lonnie Martin
Emmette A. Barton, Sr.

As far as the records show, the church has had 47 pastors and 18 clerks.

PASTORS

S. Driskell
David Allee
J. K. Godbey

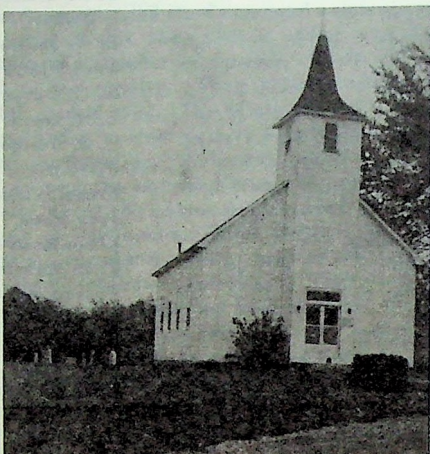
J. W. Williams
Andrew Estes
T. V. Greer

William Rodgers
B. F. Dinwiddie
James Stone
R. F. Driskell
Jehu Robinson
F. C. Richards
J. S. Price
W. B. McGraw
C. J. Miller
Sid Waterman
L. J. Moran
A. M. Moore,
Jack Hood
L. E. McReynolds
Sanford Smith
Gale Dobbins
Alton Mathis
Lonnie Martin
John Weidknecht
Forrest Bynum
H. A. Sanders

Franklin Ireland
Marcus Whiting
Albert Fetterhoff
C. H. Cramer
I. Barber
E. F. Shelton
Theo Platte
G. C. Davis
E. W. Moon
P. S. Barrow
W. W. Bryan
Emmette Dinwiddie
Jack Nunn
Elmer Mundy
L. E. Kennedy
William Martin
Glendale Westfall
A. J. Skelton
Ollie Trout
Emmette A. Barton, Sr.
Carl Gravatt

*Written by Mrs. Dennis Brunkhorst, Clerk
Mrs. Robert Ruckman, Historian*

Elder R. S. Duncan, author of A History of the Baptists in Missouri, published in 1882, attended the tenth annual meeting of Lamine Association held October 7 and 8, 1881 at Mt. Carmel Church. He was District Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board at that time.



MT. CARMEL

The church is located 6 miles south of Syracuse. Since the Mt. Carmel Church was organized about the year 1850 the work of the Lord has continued to go forward. The first pastor of the church was Shannon Akin. The first building burned about the time of the Civil War. The second building was built about the year 1868. The charter members were Aron Hodges, John Williams, George Hatfield, Jim Morrison, Amsie Fowler and John Adair. The land was given by Aron Hodges for the church building. The first two buildings were made of logs. The present church was built in 1907.

PASTORS

Shannon Akin
Ben D. Stone
J. K. Godby

B. F. Dinwiddie
E. T. Shelton
J. T. McKenzie

PASTORS continued

L. J. Baughman
Thos. Baughman
George Baker
Bob Wilson
C. H. Cramer
H. W. Allee
R. F. Driskell
Sam Hodges
J. R. Summers
J. B. Bomar
Frank Chase
L. F. Ryan
John Hartley, Jr.
Harold Meyer
Earl Hoskins, present pastor

Jehu Robinson
Thomas Bowman
Harden Driskell
J. M. Williams
L. R. Kenney
T. J. Suddarth
T. F. Maxwell
Charles H. Nichols
Rev. Starke
O. B. Holloman
Raymond Lloyd
W. C. Smith
Jack Hood
Kenneth Edmiston

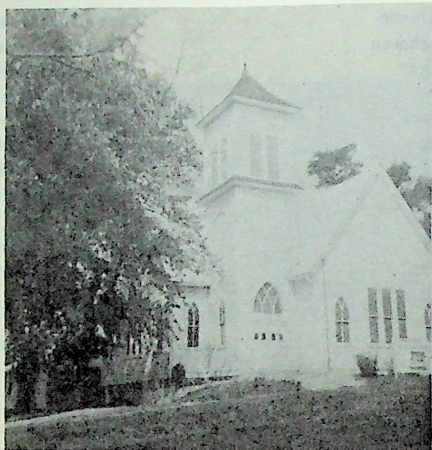
DEACONS

Charles Peoples
John McCurdy
Henry Gelhken
George Peoples
O. D. Moon
George Weicken
Jesse Hull, Jr.

Aron Hodges
M. T. Peoples
Joe Lee
Landy Moon
Willie Shrout
Leonard Koenke
Donald Buss

In 1945, a Missionary Society and Brotherhood was organized also GAs and RAs.

Written by Mrs. Leonard Koenke, Sr.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Otterville, Missouri

In 1852, a Baptist Church was organized in the community now known as Otterville, with 27 members. Little is known of its work until by reason of the Civil War, the little band, like many others, was scattered and disorganized.

At the close of the war, in 1866, seventeen of the brethren and sisters:

George I. Key
Samuel Swearengen

Martha L. Key

Sarah Willard

Mary C. Golladay

Mahala Price

Margaret A. Shackelford

Mary A. Burdin

Sarah Ellison assembled themselves together, reorganizing the Otterville Baptist Church and called Rev. John Little as its first pastor.

James Shackelford

William H. Burdin

Angeline Cook

Catherine Key

Josephene Butlar

Jane Trimble

Temperance C. Swearengen

Sophia Cook

We find the church always cooperating with the Association

financially and by sending delegates. Brother James A. Shackleford and Brother Samuel Swearengen were delegates to the Concord Association, the church being in that Association at the time, September 19, 1867 at Big Lick. The minutes of the meeting read; "A letter was received and read from the First Baptist Church at Otterville and the hand of fellowship was given by the moderator."

After Lamine Association was organized in 1872, we find them sending delegates to that Associational meeting at Freedom for their first meeting.

During the early history of this organization they had no house of worship. Mrs. A. M. Drennan who had "a good select female school" offered her schoolroom which was accepted and used for some time. Later the "Old School Presbyterian Church" which was built by John D. Strain in 1866 was rented for a time and at the Business Meeting, July 8, 1876, the committee reported that the Old School Presbyterian Church and lot had been purchased for \$600.00. A belfry was erected to this building in 1897 and a bell purchased. In this building, they continued to worship and grow in number until in 1910 with a membership of about 150 led by Rev. F. C. Richards, who had been the faithful pastor for several years, realized the need of a larger place of worship. A building committee composed of Ed Layne, A.L. McNeil and Peter Fahe was appointed and the present building was finished in the fall of 1910 at a cost of \$4,500.00. It was dedicated August 31, 1913. Rev. R. K. Maiden of Kansas City preached the dedication sermon.

This elegant building occupies a pretty site on Boonville Street, near the center of population of the town. The main auditorium had an arched ceiling, on the east of this is a lecture room, on the south of this is a vestibule or entrance with doors opening into both the lecture room and the auditorium. At the west wide of the auditorium were two class rooms and opening outside (now into the educational building) and also into the auditorium is a landing leading to the basement, which is the size of the entire building. The interior is finished with heavy oak seats, the pulpit consisted of a fluted column, surmounted by a desk for the Bible, and supported by a base after the Ionic style. The bell from the old building hangs in the belfry.

Several changes have been made to the building through the years. The ceiling of the auditorium was lowered to a height

of 15 feet and the walls redecorated in 1957. The basement was remodeled into classrooms in 1961. A new pulpit was made by Raymond Hansen and a baptistry installed in 1963.

On February 15, 1961, the church voted to build a one-story frame building approximately 50 feet by 90 feet connecting to the back of the church, on lots that had been purchased in 1957. This educational building has a Library, Office, Pastor's Study, Nursery, Kitchen, and Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate Departments which are arranged so they can be used as a fellowship and dining area. It was dedicated on November 26, 1961.

Realizing the need of a home for the pastor, the church purchased a parsonage in 1948. It was a five-room frame building located on Boonville Street a few blocks north of the church. On November 18, 1964, the church voted to build a three-bedroom house, 28 x 48 feet, with basement and 14 foot garage attached, on Marion Street about two and one-half blocks east of the church. It was valued at \$15,000.00 and was dedicated on June 27, 1965 with Rev. Farrie L. Cole, Jr. preaching the dedication sermon.

Records go back to February, 1867, and begin with their "Articles of Christian Belief," "Church Covenant," "Rules of Order for Church Meetings," and "Rules of Evidence". Brother J. W. Williams was chosen as moderator and Brother George I. Key as clerk. In the early days of the church, worship services and business meetings were always held on Saturday before the preaching service on Sunday which was held once a month. At these meetings, the doors of the church were open to receive new members, business taken care of, and discipline of members. Often a member would call for the "Rules of Order" to be read, the Lord's Supper was observed, the meetings often closed by giving each other the right hand of Christian Fellowship. We find numerous exclusions of the members for dancing, using profane language, intoxication and other disorderly conduct "unbecoming to a Christian", unless a satisfactory explanation or acknowledgement was made by the guilty one and "the church forgave him".

The church emphasized the importance of the Saturday meeting and the members being present -- in the minutes for August 14, 1880 we read "no brother or sister is not to miss church business meeting days, if so a committee is to be appointed to see them at once and to know their reason for

not attending. No brother or sister shall be excused without a lawful excuse." The Church Discipline adopted at this meeting reads "Six male members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business" but it wasn't long until after much discussion it was amended to read "six members."

The first mention of Sunday School in the records was December 10, 1875 -- the minutes read "The Sunday School Convention of the Lamine Association convened in the First Baptist Church of Christ in Otterville, which was commenced by Devotional Exercise and a sermon by Elder Laws of Boonville, which resulted in the organization of a Sunday School in the church on Sunday morning the 12th of December, 1875. The following officers were elected to conduct the school: Rufus Money, superintendent; Thomas Howard, assistant; Milton Greer, secretary; L. D. Smith, teacher of a Bible class; Carrie Greer and Mary Smith were also chosen teachers.

The Sunday School in the early days always had a struggle to exist for as we read on we find them reorganizing many times and on April 26, 1885, Sister Ellen Love was elected superintendent; Sister Keyser, assistant; Mollie Caton, secretary. In 1886, when the letter was sent to the Association, we find this statement "Our Sabbath School is flourishing and now ranks the first in Otterville in regard to numbers and interest under the excellent management of the Sisters".

In 1895, it was reorganized by electing P. P. McNeil, superintendent; Peyton Amick, assistant; Miss Nettie Keyser, secretary; Miss Jennie McNeil, treasurer. Since this time there has been a continuous Sunday School.

Through the years we find these enrollments and averages:

Attendances	Enrollment	Average Attendance
Sept., 1910 - Sept., 1911	150	98
Associational Letter, 1933	140	98
Associational Letter, 1943	145	74
Associational Letter, 1953	151	70
Associational Letter, 1963	227	104
Associational Letter, 1967	265	121

The highest attendance in Sunday School was 186 on April 16, 1961 and 210 on March 26, 1967.

In the minutes of December, 1906, we read "organizing a BYPU was discussed but no action taken". The first mention of a Baptist Young People Union was in the report of 1910-

1911; the BYPU had a current expense of \$4.35 and gave \$2.75 to District Missions. In 1912, the BYPU bought a piano for the church. We find it being called Baptist Training Union in 1935, which included all ages. There was some time in 1942 and 1943 when there was no Training Union, but it was reorganized in 1943.

Our first record of Vacation Bible School was in 1938 with Rev. George A. Craig as principal. It was held for 9 days with an enrollment of 53 and average attendance of 43. Largest VBS was in 1965 with 123 enrolled and average attendance of 111.

Brotherhood was organized on April 15, 1949 with Donald Zumsteg as president. On December 9, 1954, it was voted the Brotherhood take over the sponsorship of the Royal Ambassadors in place of the WMU. Royal Ambassador enrollments were reported until 1961 and was reorganized in 1967.

We find the church giving to missions in early records. On July 19, 1873, we read "Bro Key laid before the church the claims of the missionary purposes. It was agreed that the members come forward and say how much they would give. Three dollars and fifty cents was received in cash and \$12.00 in pledges."

Delegates to the Association were often instructed to pledge \$5.00 or \$10.00 for Home or District Missions. Collections were taken at different times for Foreign Missions.

In October, 1898, the church began taking four missionary collections each year; Foreign, Home, State and District, one being taken every three months.

For some time a certain per cent of all undesignated offerings has been given to Missions. Twelve per cent was given to the Cooperative Program and four per cent to Associational Missions in 1967. In addition, the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission and Annie Armstrong Home Mission offering are taken each year, and other special offerings are given.

The first yearly figure found of missionary offering is in the Associational letter of 1932 when \$182.42 was given to the Cooperative Program and as special gifts to Missions, etc. The yearly gifts to Missions had increased to \$720.70 in 1953 and in 1967 the total Mission expenditure was \$2,770.00.

PASTORS

John Little
John K. Godby
B. F. Thomas
W. N. Phillips
Jehu Robinson
Frank Ireland
S. H. Pollard
F. C. Richards
G. C. Davis
Ralph W. Manker
E. Fromm
Geo. A. Craig
B. R. Tatom
Clyde Painton
Frederick Farris
Hugh Trotter
J. Wayne Nelson
Warren F. Haley

J. W. Williams
Wm. V. Parsons
T. V. Greer
E. T. Shelton
J. E. Sims
C. N. White
T. R. White
W. B. McGraw
E. R. Clawson
R. I. Clemings
Perry O. Sanders
Carl W. Hewlett
Ernest S. Waite
John Muncy
Earl Swafford
Richard Vansyoc
Ervin E. Benz

DEACONS

James Thomas
Bro. Ethridge
Nimrod Caton
Will Spillers
Sam Henderson
Edward Layne
Jesse Straten
P. P. McNeil
D. G. Moad
H. M. Crews
Charles A. Leach
Ralph Williams
John Routt
Grover Stahl
Wilbur Moon
Joe Wallenburn
Ray Allee

Heli Neal
Thomas Honken
A. E. Monroe
L. C. Wilkerson
George Jordan
H. H. Everett
O. L. Cook
J. H. Rennison
O. D. Scrivner
John Schilb
A. D. Sanders
A. Y. Burford
J. A. Williams
Roy Shoe
Melvin Conrad
Billy Schilb
Robert Ruckman

CLERKS

George I. Key
W. H. Henderson
Charles Thomas
P. P. McNeil
Lou Leach
Peter Fahe
Claude Hupp
Oscar Gochenour
Mrs. Glenn Ripley
Mrs. Billy Schilb
Mrs. Homer E. Homan

S. D. Smith
A. M. Keyser
Daniel Love
Edward Layne
A. E. Monroe
J. A. Leach
Harry Everett
Mrs. Grover Stahl
Donald Zumsteg
Mrs. Carroll Sanders

Records show one minister has been ordained by this church. On November 17, 1946, Farrie L. Cole, Jr. went forward and dedicated his life to the Christian ministry and was licensed by the church to preach the Gospel. He was ordained by the church June 29, 1947.

Donald Moon was licensed by the church to preach the Gospel, May 8, 1952. His brother, Leroy Moon was licensed as Minister of the Gospel, April 7, 1955.

*Written by Mrs. Farrie L. Cole, Sr.
Mrs. Homer E. Homan*



Baptisms in former days were in the streams. It is told that sometimes the ice had to be broken first.



MT. HERMON BAPTIST CHURCH

The Mt. Hermon Baptist Church had its humble beginning over one hundred years ago in a small log house located a short distance from the present site.

The log house was on the farm of "Uncle" Bobby Scott, about six miles south of Boonville. The worship services were led by "Grandmother" Savage and "Aunt" Peggy Jolly. When the little log house burned, the place of worship was moved to Concord school house and it was at this place that a church was organized January 3, 1868 by Rev. Jehu Robinson and was named New Concord Baptist Church. The charter members were Margaret Reid, Sarah Cartner, Lucy Brown and Margaret Cartner.

On September 23, 1878, Cornelius and Mary A. Edwards (who was a daughter of Uncle Bobby Scott) gave four acres of land for a new church site and cemetery, about two miles south of Concord school house. The church was dedicated in 1878 and the name changed to Mt. Hermon. In 1916, a new church building was erected and dedicated.

PASTORS

Rev. Jehu Robinson

G. W. Rogers

A. E. Rogers

T. M. S. Kenney

A. M. Cockrill

A. F. Pearson

E. J. Sanderson

B. F. Reed

D. C. Lingle

E. B. Calvin

Walter Brodersen

H. W. Gadd

O. B. Holloman

William Hereford

Rev. H. J. Hood (present pastor)

G. W. Hyde

Alexander Machette

M. E. Broadus

J. W. Stockton

F. C. Richards

Orla Jefress

L. T. Barger

L. E. Hedrick

J. B. Bomar

Paul Weber

B. E. Lett

C. T. Graham

Denzil Albin

W. C. Smith

The church celebrated their centennial May 26, 1968. Many friends and former members attended. A former pastor, Rev. H. W. Gadd preached at the morning service. A contributive basket dinner was held at noon. After lunch messages from former members and pastors were heard and a history of the church was read.

The congregation, although small in number, is active and loyal. Church services are held each Sunday morning with a Sunday School service preceding the regular sermon by Rev. Hood.

*Written by Mrs. Peggy Cromwell
Mrs. F. L. Cole, Sr.*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Versailles, Mo.

The First Baptist Church of Versailles was organized January 13, 1868 in the Methodist Church building – an old structure that stood about where the present Methodist Church stands – by 16 people: 3 men and 13 women who had been members of Baptist Churches before they moved to Versailles. Mr. D. P. Taylor and his wife had worked hard to help bring about the organization of the church – but living on a farm 3 miles southwest of Versailles – found the roads blocked with snow that Sunday so were unable to attend the organization meeting and were not counted as charter members. They were faithful members and very liberal in their gifts as they gave \$100.00 (the largest gift of any member) toward the erection of our first church building.

The council was composed of:

Rev. J. B. Box, moderator
Rev. Wm. M. Robinson, clerk
Rev. Isaiah V. Johnson
Rev. J. W. Williams

Rev. J. E. Sims

Charter members were:

Colonel A. W. Anthony
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Gray
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Yates
Mrs. Elizabeth Yates
Miss Mary Yates
Mrs. Catherine Hubbard
Mrs. Catherine Bradbury
Jane Day
Carrie P. Coleman
Josephine V. Coleman
Mrs. Lucy E. Jobe
Alice Lawler
Mary Neff
Mrs. Elizabeth Tipton

The first pastor was Rev. J. B. Box, Moderator of the council and he received \$10.00 per month salary. First Officers were: First Clerk, Colonel A. W. Anthony – First Deacons, Dr. Joseph R. Yates and Colonel A. W. Anthony, ordained February 1869. First S. S. Superintendent; Dr. Joseph R. Yates–1868. First President Ladies' Aid Society: Carrie P. Coleman (Mrs. Geo. P. Clark) 1868–1906. First President WMS – Mrs. Mary Oliver, 1894–1898. First Treasurer, W. M. Bowlin, 1869–1884. First President Baptist Training Union, Mrs. J. T. Beale – 1902. First Brotherhood President, C. J. Sanford – 1933.

Our church joined the Lamine Association at the time of the Lamine Association's organization, September 29, 1872. We joined the Miller County Association February 7, 1934 and in 1938 asked for membership again in the Lamine Association.

Buildings in which we have met besides the Old Methodist Church building and the one room log school house building were in the Morgan County Court House from May 16, 1869 until July 19, 1879. Our first Church building was built during 1877 to 1879. The first meeting was held in this building July 1879 and the last meeting in this building was held June 27, 1948. Our church home from July 5, 1948 until April 2, 1950 was the Tweedie Building. Our present church building was built during 1948–1950 at a cost of over \$100,000.

The members were disciplined severely in the early years of our church and for the second offense the hand of church fellowship was withdrawn from members who acknowledged

they had been dancing, playing cards, gambling, drinking, cursing, had been guilty of immoral conduct, signed saloon petitions or operated saloons or beer joints. In 1935, a member was dismissed for blasphemy and in later years, the pastor and deacon body visited members guilty of misconduct and they were given the privilege of asking that their names be withdrawn from the church rolls. Sad to say, some were disciplined and some just as guilty were not disciplined in later years but the rules of discipline in the early years of our church were meted out to all offenders, regardless of their financial or community importance. The chairman of the First Building committee and a prominent man was dismissed from church for dancing.

From the minutes January 31, 1868.

On motion it was resolved that this church meet every Tuesday evening for prayer service and every Sabbath at 3:00 p.m. for Sunday School exercises at the place secured for that purpose by the building committee. Church services were held 3rd Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

The First Sunday School Service was held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 16, 1868, in a log school room and Dr. Joseph R. Yates was our first Sunday School Superintendent. In October, 1868, the Methodist people invited the Baptist people to occupy their building for the purpose of worship, Sunday School and other religious activities, so Sunday School was held in that church until January 25, 1869, when they were again held in the one room log school house now belonging to the Coleman Sisters. The time of the Sunday School meeting was changed from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. In April, 1869, Sunday School services were held at the Court House and held there each Sunday until July 20, 1879, when the first church building was ready to be used. During some of the years, Dr. Leslie Christian was pastor, we had a Standard Sunday School. List of Sunday School Superintendents and years served are:

Dr. Joseph R. Yates—1868-1869	Samuel Daniels—1895-1923
Prof. S.S. Simpson—1877	Royce Moser—1923-1954
A. B. Wheeler—1890-1891	Edgar Carpenter—1954-1957
P. H. Padgett—1892	Lee T. Sims—1957-1959
Rev. W.C. Driver—1893	Norman Akin—1959-1967
Prof. J.S. Carlisle—1894-1895	Roy Berkstresser—1967-1968

Marvin Welpman—1968-1971

Our present enrollment is 453.

Training Union, formerly called Young People Society and later Baptist Young People's Union, was organized in 1902. The presidents and years they served are:

Mrs. J. T. Beale—1902	Mrs. Oren Dinwiddie—1937
Mrs. Mary Oliver—1903	Bernice Berry—1938
John Hammock—1904-1905	Mrs. Wm. Arnold, Jr.—1943
Fae Long—1908	Mrs. Wm. Osborne—1944-1945
Rev. H.S. Thornhill—1912-1915	Wm. Osborne—1945-1946
C. M. Parks—1915-1916	Lee T. Sims—1949-1950
Royce Moser—1916-1919	Mrs. Benton Ball—1950
Claude Carter—1919-1923	Mrs. Mary Ash—1951-1953
L. L. Barber—1923-1925	Lee T. Sims—1954-1955
Maxie Marriott—1925-1926	Jack Wood—1956-1957
C. A. Dinwiddie—1926-1927	Edgar Carpenter—1958
Annie Lewis Daniels—1927	Frank Rowe—1959-1966
Elmo Purvis—1928	James Hutchison—1966-1968
Lucy Williams Ball—1931	Lee Maxwell—1968-1970
Mrs. Roy Shore—1947-1949	Aubrey Calton—1971

We had our first Vacation Bible School in 1937 when Dr. Leslie Christian was our pastor.

The Brotherhood was organized in 1933 with C. G. Sanford elected first president. It was reorganized in 1940 with an active organization since 1940. List of presidents are:

C. G. Sanford—1933	Benton Ball—1954
Harold Gorham—1940-1943	Jack Wood—1955
William Osborne—1943-1947	Marvin Welpman—1956
Robert Stockton—1947	Quincy Garrison—1957
N. H. Newkirk—1948	Everett White—1957
Quincy Garrison—1948-1949	Napoleon Newkirk—1960-1962
C. B. Williams—1950-1951	Ted Burkhart—1963-1964
Clarence Davis—1952	Lee Maxwell—1965-1968
Edgar Carpenter—1953	Jim Hutchison—1968-1970
	Leon Taylor—1971

Our records show that February 19, 1891, \$13.95 was sent to William Jewell College for ministerial education. February 16, 1896, \$23.10 was sent to the Home Mission Board, S.B.C. February 17, 1891, \$34.15 was sent to the Foreign Mission Board. October 14, 1893, \$5.00 was paid to the District Missions by Ladies' Aid Society.

Our minutes from years 1896 to 1910 are lost, but during these years contributions were made for all mission work. March 19, 1911, offering of \$19 was sent for Relief in China.

August, 1912, \$20 was sent for State Missions; \$30 for District Missions; \$7 for Foreign Missions and \$7 for Home Missions.

Church letter of September 17, 1913 shows our church gave \$190 for Missions and charitable purposes for that associational year.

1916 - After a desperate appeal by Dr. Everett Gill, Sr. for money for Foreign Missions, Royce Moser and his father, Henry Moser paid all expenses for support of a Foreign Missionary for one year.

1917 - Church voted to pay \$250 per year to missions.

1920 - \$400 was given for Mission causes.

At the time of our 75th Anniversary in 1943, we were giving 1/7 of our budget to missions, \$788.91.

At the time of our 100th Anniversary in 1968, we were giving \$15,981 for missions. In 1970, we gave \$18,596 for missions.

PASTORS

J.B. Box-1868-1869

Robert H. Harris-1870-1871

J. B. Box-1872

J. K. Godby-1873-1875

W. H. Kim-1876

B.F. Taylor-1877-1878

Daniel Horn-1879-1880

W. H. Gibony-1881

J. S. Price-1882-1883

S.M. Victor-1884

Without Pastor-1885

Dr. John Letts-1886-1887

L.N. Berry-1888-1889

E.M. Lumpkin-1890

T. W. Tate-1891

E. T. Shelton-1892

W. C. Driver-1893-1895

D. C. Peters-1896-1897

Edward James-1898-1901

Without Pastor-1902

C. N. White-1903-1908

A. R. Foster-1909-1911

H.S. Thornhill-1912-1916

G. E. Barham-1917-1918

G. N. Neafus-1919-1920

J. C. Cook-1921-1922

F. C. Richards-1922-1926

H.S. Thornhill-1927-1928

B.F. Kennedy-1929-1936

L.G. Christian-1936-1941

R. H. Nolte-1942-1943

Willard Bright-1944-1948

Dr. Alexander Best-1948-53

Lloyd Johnson-1953-1959

Charles Sexton-1959-1966

Robert Stokes-1966-1969

Archie Warren-1969-

CHURCH CLERKS

Col. A.W. Anthony-1869-90

A.C. Eubank-1890-1892

P. H. Padgett-1892-97

Samuel Daniels-1897-1918

Earl Amos-1934-35

A. F. Moon-1935-39

Edgar Carpenter-1939-40

Lee T. Sims-1941-42

CLERKS (continued)

Russie Stringer Moser-1918-19

Samuel Daniels-1919-21

J. S. Boyce-1921-23

Neva Moser Barber-1923-27

Fred Nichols-1927-31

John Shore-1931-32

C. E. Herfurth-1932-34

ORDAINED MINISTERS

N. Rice-2/14/1869

Robert Wilson-6/28/16

Clifford Morgan-4/50

John Hendrix-4/13/58

Lucy Williams Ball-1942-44

Roy Berkstresser-1944-48

Paul Bonine-1948-51

Florence Meyer-1951-52

Leo Murphy-1951-56

Mrs. Joe Pace-1956-59

Kathryn Rumans-1959-

LICENSED MINISTERS

William Osborne-1947

James Gerlt (ordained 8/71)

Eddie Maxwell (ordained 8/71)

We have not had a missionary go out from our church.

GROWTH OF CHURCH IN GENERAL

1868 - 16 members

1890 - 30 members

1898 - 88 members (January 17th-30th
Anniversary)

1918 - 300 members (50th Anniversary)

1943 - 343 members (75th Anniversary)

1971 - 650 members (103 years old)



First church building of First Baptist Church of Versailles,
Completed 1879.

Written by Mrs. Royce Moser



HOW THE PILOT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH WAS NAMED

The town derives its name from the following fact:

When travelers were passing on the route from Boonville to points west, or in the neighborhood of this route, as it led through the township, they were enabled at once to determine their position from the top of the Bell Hill just west of Boonville, by the small grove of trees, which was plainly visible for miles around. Very little of the present timber was in existence except as low brush, so that the group of trees standing prominently above all the rest, acted as a pilot to the traveler in his journey across the extensive prairie. Hence the name, "Pilot Grove".

HISTORY OF PILOT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

On July 23, 1871, after previous notice being given, the Baptist brethren and sisters living in the vicinity of Choteau school house, situated about four miles north of Pilot Grove, met for the purpose of organizing themselves into a Baptist Church.

A presbytery was formed consisting of Elders T. V. Greer,

N. T. Allison, and deacon Jno. R. Jeffress. The organization, when effected, consisted of twenty-three members and was known as the Choteau Baptist Church. Regular monthly services were held there under the ministry of Rev. T. V. Greer until June 22, 1873, when he was succeeded by Rev. N. T. Allison, who served as pastor until its dissolution in January, 1874, at which time it contained a membership of forty.

Owing to the dissolution of the Choteau church and the inconvenient situation of the Pleasant Hill church to most of its membership, do we owe the origin of the Baptist Church of Pilot Grove. The Baptist brethren and sisters of Pilot Grove vicinity met at the M. E. Church (which was the public school building) on July 29, 1876, and organized the Pilot Grove Baptist Church, with a consistant membership of ten persons, namely: Jno. R. Jeffress, B. E. Chamberlin, Labian L. Chamberlin - Pleasant Hill Church; Jeremiah Tomlinson and Rebecca Massce - Mt. Nebo Church; Sarah E. Haley, Amarica F. Rucker, Polly Gourley, John Gourley and Alex Spencer - Choteau Church (dissolved).

The following brethren acted as the recognizing council: Elders N.J. Allison, G. W. Hyde, T. A. Reid, Lewis Hutchinson, Henry Corum. William Martin of Mt. Nebo Church; and F. W. Bohm of Pleasant Hill Church.

Articles of Faith and a church covenant were adopted, (According to Dr. Hancox's Directory) together with "Rules of Decorum". Brethren A. N. Spencer, Jno. R. Jeffress and J. Tomlinson were recognized as deacons of the church (having been previously ordained) and duly installed as such; B. F. Chamberlin was elected church clerk.

The third Sunday and Saturday preceding of each month were appointed as their regular days of meeting. Regular services were held by different brethren, but it was not until the following September that a pastor was chosen, when Bro. N. T. Allison was called to the pastorate. In the meantime, the church received many accessions to its body from the former Choteau Church and Pleasant Hill Church, now in a state of dissolution. In August, following the organization, a letter of application for membership in the Lamine Association was ordered, and in September, Brethren J.B. Jeffress, J. Tomlinson, B. F. Chamberlin and H. A. Rucker were chosen as delegates to that body which convened soon afterwards. (In 1876)

The Lamine Bible School Institute convened with the

church in January, 1877. The church continued its worship in the M. E. church building until the third Sunday in December, 1877, when it convened in its newly built house in the eastern part of town.

After the dedicatory sermon by Rev. Wm. Ferguson, the then editor of the Central Baptist, \$212.00 in cash and pledges was contributed to liquidate the existing indebtedness on the church building, which was a neat frame structure with a seating capacity of about 250 and cost about \$1,000.00.

In May, 1883, the building was removed to its present site near the College. (Now Highway 135.)

In October, 1878, the Lamine Association met with the church in its annual session. Soon after this the church suffered a heavy loss in its membership by dismissal of members by letter to assist in the reorganization of Pleasant Hill Church.

Mrs. H. W. Harris was elected church treasurer in January, 1884.

The Lamine Bible School Institute convened the second time with this church in July, 1890. The session was very interesting to all.

A weekly prayer meeting and Sunday School have been sustained regularly throughout the past years since the church's organization. The organization of a "Young People's Union" was voted by the church April 20, 1895. The minutes of July, 1895, gives the list of their newly elected officers; Superintendent, J. F. Steele; Assistant, T. F. Williams; Secretary-Treasurer, J. W. Davis; Assistant, Miss Beulah Goode. In October, \$6.00 was to be applied to the purchase of song books. The church at this time voted to observe four mission programs. January, District Missions; April, Home Missions; July, State; and October, Foreign. Although district missions had been paid every year, amount \$10.00.

Church discipline in the church's early years was very strict. Committees formed to contact members for drinking, signing license petitions for a saloon in Pilot Grove, dancing and if behind in their dues (which in some cases were 10¢ a month and some never paid) were dropped from the church roll. One lady's name was taken from the church record for disorderly conduct. There seemed to be no tithers. (Tithing was taken up in 1920.) In September, 1904, the church moved that all members not having reported to the church in two years be excluded from the church roll. In October, 11 members' names

were dropped, the condition being that should they ever desire letters, they could obtain them.

Besides the three deacons who entered the church at its organization, the following members have since been ordained to that office in the order named: S. H. Oswald, M. Dingle, Dr. W. C. Riley, T. F. Williams and J. T. Steele, the last two of whom are now serving. (1967)

Some special gifts: 1913 - Mrs. W. H. Buchannan left the church \$100 for church improvement; 1915 - Mrs. Rust gave money in honor of her mother, Mrs. Anna Harris, to paint and paper the church; 1965 - Mrs. Charles Shepherd gave the church \$2000 to be used as the church saw fit. It was placed in the church building fund.

In 1959, the church voted \$20 to help pay for a tape recorder for Bro. Clawson in appreciation for his services as a Supply Pastor.

April, 1908, it was voted to build the baptistry and dressing rooms. Records show the cost was \$289.00.

In the spring of 1959, the Stocklein property adjoining the church on the east was purchased for \$4000.00 as an educational building. This ten-room two-story dwelling was redecorated and adapted and furnished for class rooms, a pastor's office and a kitchen area.

In January, 1966, the church voted to buy the Brownfield property that connects the back of the church property, for a parsonage. It was bought from James Ripperger for \$8000.00, and occupied in February by Pastor C. G. Shaw.

CLERKS

J. M. Morton
H. A. Rucker
B. F. Chamberlain
A. N. Spencer
M. Dingle
L. L. Chamberlain
T. Williams
T. J. McCormick
J. T. Steele
Jas. I. Malott

Glen Bradford
B. Crosley
Beulah Goode (Mrs. C. M. Shepherd)
Mrs. H. C. Ross
Mrs. Mary T. Barnes
Mrs. Wm. Schlotzhauer
Bertha Sharp
Mrs. Estelle Todd
Mrs. John Newell
Mrs. Harold Vernon

Brother O. O. Green was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on May 30, 1897.

Miss Margie ^{Mae} ~~May~~ Held (now Mrs. Dale Lacquement) sur-

rendered her life for full-time Christian service during an associational camp.

Pilot Grove entertained Lamine Association in its annual meeting September 7-8, 1967.

September 20, 1970, a new brick church building was dedicated. It was built where the educational building formerly stood. The old church building was also removed.

Deacons in 1971: Archie Robinett, George Wiemer, Joe

Francier,
Fanclev.

PASTOR	TERM	REMARKS	YEARLY SALARY
T. V. Greer	10/1871-6/1873		\$ 100
N. T. Allison	6/1873-1/1874		100
N. T. Allison	9/1876-8/1879		200
J. B. Dodson	4/1880-1884		
H. M. Richardson	4/1885-2/1886	paid quarterly	255
J. W. Neff	6/1886-8/1886		302.50
Dr. E. D. Isbel	11/1887-1888	½ time	302.50
A. Machett	8/1888-1/1890		302.50
P. R. Ridgeway	1/1890-2/1893		302.50
T. W. Tate	4/1895-12/1895	insufficient funds	255
A. M. Cockrell	1896-1897	called for ½ time at pledged	400
O. O. Green	2/1897-9/1898		250
J. Z. Taylor	few months in 1899	paid by the month	150
J. A. Brumfield	7/1899-8/1900	\$12.50 per month	150
B. G. Tutt	11/1900-12/1904		
Joseph Stermlinger	4/1905- 10/1906		
S. M. Victor	3/1907-12/1907	½ time	300
W. A. Bruce	2/1908-6/1910	\$250 first year	200
E. J. Sanderson	9/1910-11/1912	back to once a month	250
C. A. Stephens	7/1913-3/1915		225
W. H. Lilburn	8/1915-9/1916	½ time	400
W. M. Tipton	4/1917-9/1921	1/4 time	250
C. P. Walters	1/1924-11/1924	½ time	910
C. C. Hatcher	8/1925-6/1927	no record	
H. J. Brumley	4/1928-6/1929	½ time	700
M. M. Hatcher	4/1931-6/1932	½ time	600
A. I. Jones	9/1938-6/1942	½ time	400
Herbert Matlock	8/1943-7/1945	½ time	600
W. E. Martin	10/1945-1/1948		800
Sterling Kerr	4/1948-3/1952	\$50 per month	840
O. Bryan	8/1952-?		840
W. C. Smith	6/1953-10/1955		840

PASTOR	TERMS	REMARKS	YEARLY SALARY
P. L. Allen	7/1956-12/1958	\$45 per month	
Leslie Price	9/1959-6/1961		\$1200
Berman Grant	12/1961-8/1964		1200
C. G. Shaw	1/1965-3/1967	full time	2400
Troy Payne	7/1967-1/1969		
John Philliber			

*In January, 1967, the church went back to ½ time.

Committees were appointed to solicit funds for the pastor's salary from month to month. Seems they were always short, but in November, 1906, the church paid the back salaries by contributions and pledges.

Mrs. Marcia Heim, Church Historian



PENINSULA BAPTIST CHURCH

The Peninsula Church was organized in the Peninsula School house on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1873. However, the Sunday School began operating in 1865 and

has continued faithfully through the years. The first Sunday School services were held in the office of Dr. John Allison.

The Sunday School was undertaken at the request of John Hinaman. He was not a Christian but eager for the younger generation to have Christian training. There was no church near this area.

Peninsula School's origin was in 1868, and after that the services were held in the school building.

The Church, true to custom, adopted the same name as the school. The Peninsula name was used as the area in the district was almost surrounded by the rivers - Lamine and Blackwater.

At the north west section of the boundary of Peninsula School district, where the roads (first the county roads, then Highway 40 and now Interstate 70) follow the ridge, if one dropped over the bluff to the north you would find the Blackwater; if one went to the south you would find Lamine. Then the Lamine swings south and east and back north to where Blackwater empties into it, at the bridge on old 40, circling probably 3000 acres.

The present and only church building was built just out of the Peninsula District, where we now have the Blackwater junction where roads Z and K connect.

The land for the church and cemetery was donated by Fleming Marshall. He with James Bruce and George Potter were chosen trustees in June 1874. The first pastor was Rev. Nathaniel Allison. The first clerk was Frank Malotte. The first deacons were James Murphy, Robert Quisenberry and George N. Rucker.

Charter members, other than the above named, were: Mrs. Harriett Potter, J. L. Dix, Mrs. H. K. Mollet, Jim Bridgewater and wife, Tandid Dix, Mrs. George Potter, Joseph Dunn and wife, Mrs. George Rucker, Nat Allison and wife and mother, Jack Potter and wife, Tom Dix and wife, Allen Malotte, Tom Bridgewater, Carrie Bridgewater, Carter Bridgewater, Alonzo Dix, Billie Williams and wife, Mrs. Robert Quisenberry, Wm. Thornton and wife, and Mrs. Fleming Marshall.

On the day of the organization, delegates were appointed to meet with the Lamine Associational meeting with the Bethlehem Church in 1873. These first delegates were Dix, Thornton, Rucker and Allison.

The building committee was appointed in June, 1874.

About this time a collection for missions is recorded as \$4.60, with each member agreeing to pay 25¢ per year for district missions.

In the beginning, the church adopted a constitution, rules of order and articles of church discipline. Records show discipline was emphasized and members were subjected to correction during early years.

According to church minutes, reports from B.Y.P.U. were being given regularly to the church in 1921. The minutes of October, 1932 show the Training Union had 48 enrolled with average attendance of 32. The Junior Union reached the A. 1 rating that year. There has been no Training Union since 1956.

The first Vacation Bible School was held in 1939. The last one was in 1964. There has never been a Brotherhood organization.

The W.M.S. organized in 1920, functioned more as a Ladies Aid for two years. In following years all auxiliaries were fostered except Y.W.A. The Sunbeam Band made the Standard in 1932. In 1931, the W.M.S. received 23 awards for Mission Study, with 16 members enrolled. The Annie Armstrong offering for Home Missions reached \$98.25 in 1954. The Lottie Moon offering for Foreign Missions was \$83.50 that year; in 1958 it reached \$136.00 and continued over \$100.00 for 3 more years. Due to loss of members by death and moving away, the W.M.S. has failed to function since 1957, however, the seasons of prayer were continued for several years. Recently the special season of prayer envelopes are distributed through the Sunday School but the offerings have suffered loss.

The Church has continued for more than 40 years to make its regular offerings to District Missions and gifts through the Cooperative Program, even when without a pastor.

The first mid-week prayer services were conducted in the school house. In more recent years, the mid-week services have not been observed continuously. Sometimes, on Wednesday evenings, study course books were studied and many awards earned.

The church entertained the Lamine Association first in 1880 then 1890, 1901, 1919 and the last time was in 1928. About this time, associational attendance increased so that the Peninsula Church was too small to accommodate the meeting.

Two young men of the membership were ordained to the gospel ministry; Ed Conway in 1914 and Ireland Caton in 1917.

In later years two young pastors were ordained by the local church; Billy T. Hargrove in 1947 and David C. Head in 1949.

The church has engaged in simultaneous revivals, stewardship revivals, January Bible Study and Schools of Missions when possible.

In 1914, a small addition was added to the building to be used for a rostrum. In 1917, when a new roof was put on, the style of the roof was changed.

About 1920, new ground was purchased and added to the north of the cemetery. The cemetery is nicely kept by the Peninsula Cemetery Club, organized in 1915. The first grave, in 1880, was that of 2½ year old Hattie Dix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tandid Dix.

The electric lights were installed in 1945.

The floor furnaces replaced the wood stove in 1951. The hard wood floor was put down in 1958.

In 1961, Mrs. Eva Lawler deeded to the church a small area of ground between the church property and the K road, in memory of her husband, Edgar Lawler, who had served as deacon and trustee for years.

In 1962, new concrete block rest rooms were built at a total cost of \$455.90. (The total cost of the original building in 1874 with all labor donated was \$453.80.) Some of the material in the original building was hauled by teams and wagons from Arrow Rock and crossed the Blackwater River by ferry.

The house was reroofed and redecorated inside in 1966. The 1967 project was to repaint or recover the outside of the building. An addition to the building was considered for several years and a building fund built up which was kept on time deposit. In 1971, this 36 x 20 foot addition is under construction.

PASTORS

N. T. Allison—1873-76
W. R. Green—1878-79
J. B. Dodson—1882-84
J. B. Dodson—1884-85
Frank Ireland—1887

W. A. Bruce—1908-10
Lloyd Goodspeed—1917-18
J. B. Bomar—1920-27
A. R. Cole—1931
M. L. Timbrook—1937

J. P. Payne—1876-77
E. T. Shelton—1879-82
H. L. Morton—1884(4 mo.)
S. W. Scott—1886-(6 mo.)
W.N.Phillips—1887-1907
(served longest term)
B. F. Reed—1910-17
Zeb Thomas—1918-20
C. E. Clemmons—1928-30
R. L. Alexander—1932-34
Stewart McDaniel—1938-39

PASTORS (cont.)

Henry Leimkuehler—1940-46
David C. Head—1949-52
J. M. Wilcoxon—1953-54
Dean Dickey—1958-60
Glenn Peters—Interim
B. I. Grant—1962-64
W. C. Long—1966-(4 mo.)
Troy Payne—1967-69

Billie Hargrove—1947-48
J. A. Bryson—Interim
Bob Gross —1955-58
G. C. Greenway—Interim
H. B. Hickling—1960-(6 mo.)
C. G. Shaw—1965-(3 mo.)
Ronnie Burson—1966-67
Sam E. Anderson—4/19/70
(½ time, full time 12/1/70)

In the beginning, the pastors were not paid a regular salary, but accepted gifts of money or produce. The first set salary was soon after 1917. There is no record of an elected treasurer until sometime later. There was a treasurer of certain funds, or a committee to collect and care for certain projects. J. H. Racy was first elected treasurer, followed by S. E. Tucker. C. C. Alley was elected treasurer in 1928, Claude Morris in 1966.

In the late 1920's the unified budget system came into use with envelopes for weekly use. This has proved very satisfactory.

CLERKS

F. P. Malotte
Jacob Potter
Carter Bridgewater
N. T. Allison
W. E. Thornton
F. P. Malotte
W. T. Williams
Ed Slocum
J. W. Whitlow

J. H. Cassell
A. H. Alley
John T. Taylor
Miss Alice French
Mrs. C. C. Alley
W. L. Kramel, Jr.
Mrs. C. C. Alley
Mrs. Archie Cornine
Mrs. Claude Morris

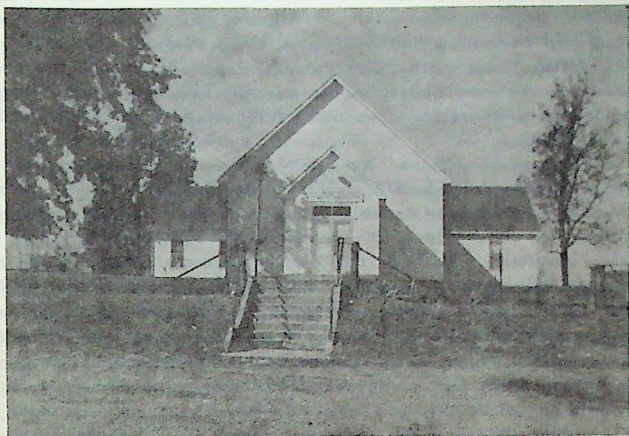
The present Deacons are: C. C. Alley, Archie Cornine, and Claude Morris, the two latter coming by letter in 1966.

Trustees when this history was first written were: A. H. Alley, C. C. Alley and John Nowlin. Mr. A. H. Alley died July 9, 1970 and was replaced by Archie Cornine.

The present membership is 81. One member, Mrs. Eva Heim, 90 years of age, is a resident of the Missouri Home for Aged Baptists at Ironton.

This church, as others, has survived difficulties and enjoyed great blessings. Only the records in the future world will determine its true Spirituality.

Written by Mrs. C. C. Alley



MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

On November 14, 1874, 18 Baptists were constituted a church by three ministers: B. F. Dinwiddie, Shannon Akin, L. J. Baughman. These were:

Richard Homan
Addison Burford
Edward H. Burford
Charles W. Burford
James M. Parsons
Caleb H. Cramer
William Evans
William Carpenter
Harrison P. Jamison

Virginia Homan
Martha Burford
Mollie Proctor
Mary Jamison
Mary E. Parsons
N. A. Cramer
Miss Sue Carpenter
Sue Carpenter
Ellen Jamison

They subscribed to 18 Articles of Faith and the Church Covenant. At the first business meeting after organizing, James Parsons and Addison Burford were chosen deacons and William Evans clerk, a place he was to fill for 30 years. Rev. B. F. Dinwiddie was called as pastor for the ensuing year. It was the custom for many years to extend an annual call to the pastor. At the January meeting the Rules of Decorum were read and

adopted; and in February the church, meeting in the log school house, began to plan for its own home. After some delay the building committee finally reported and was discharged in May, 1877. Brethren Mattox, Ousley and Evans were appointed trustees of the new house. This one-room white frame building stood near where the present building stands. It was valued at \$400.00.

The church aligned itself with the young Lamine Association. In the fall of 1875, a letter was prepared and delegates chosen to attend the annual meeting: Brethren Burford, Jamison, Chapman, and Ousley, with Brother Evans as alternate.

Difficulties soon arose. At the January, 1876 meeting a certain brother was charged with a "disorderly walk"; and rather frequently up through the early 1900's we find persons charged with dancing, drinking, immoral conduct, use of bad language, disputes among members, etc. Sometimes the person admitted doing wrong and asked forgiveness. However, some would not admit any guilt, or if admitting, were not sorry for it, in which case their names were removed from the church roll. One thing for which members were sometimes called in question was absenting themselves from the meetings of the church. From time to time through the years we find the church revising the roll and making efforts to enlist inactive members.

Money was scarce. It was hard to get enough to pay the pastor's salary. The minutes for many years do not tell how much this actually was. In 1912, Brother Zeb Thomas was paid at the rate of \$100 per year, quarter-time, of course. Preaching services preceded the business meeting on Saturday once a month and were held morning and evening the next day. January, 1945 half-time preaching was begun, and January, 1951, the church went to full-time when E. H. Boggess accepted a call at \$1040 per year.

Financial information in other areas is rather sketchy also. December, 1879, Brother Ousley was elected sexton for the next year for \$5.00. At the annual meeting in 1876 William Evans pledged for Mt. Olive the sum of \$5.00 for mission work in the association. In 1896, 60¢ was given for state missions, 70¢ for home missions and 60¢ for foreign missions. Home church expenses that year were \$45.00. In 1970, total missions expenditures were \$2,054.00; local expenditures \$7,568.00.

In 1913, the pastor and moderator, C. A. Stephens, appointed a building committee: R. T. Carpenter, William Cox, W. T.

Steele, W. R. Evans, and E. R. Evans. This committee reported and was released in May, 1914, having overseen the erection of a larger one-room white frame building, valued at \$1600. It is still in use. The interior was panelled in 1969. During the pastorate of Jay W. Borders a four-room addition was build (1956) and in 1959, while Morris Potter was pastor, another addition was constructed, and a well was drilled. A ^{three} four-bedroom mobile home was secured in 1970 for use as pastor's home.

Lighting was always a problem: first kerosene lamps, then carbide lights, then gasoline lights were used before the REA brought electricity in 1951.

It is not known when the first Sunday School was organized, but there was one in 1894. C. L. Carpenter was superintendent in 1896; expenses of the school were \$5.50. The S.S. has had a continuous existence since the mid-1930's. No figures are available on enrollment until 1912, when it was 35; in 1970 an enrollment of 119 was reported. The first Vacation Bible School was in 1944. The first to reach Standard was 1959.

Training Union began while R. P. Douglass was pastor, about 1915 or 1916. (It was BYPU then.) Enrollment in 1917 was 24. There have been breaks in its existence, but not since the mid-1930's.

Women's Societies have been organized from time to time, the present one in 1945. Later the auxiliaries were added.

Oliver Lewis was Brotherhood president in 1961. There were 9 members. John Brodersen was chosen president in 1970.

September, 1953, a library of 40 books was set up which has grown to some 440 volumes.

Ministers licensed: 1884 W. F. Carpenter, 1960 W. D. Martensen, 1961 Norman Potter, Gary Payne, 1965 Troy Payne.

Ministers ordained: 1886 C. H. Cramer, 1947 John Muncy, 1963 Gary Payne.

Deacons have included the following:

James Parsons
William Evans
E. H. Burford
William Cox
August Klein
Melvin Hatfield
C. E. Evans
Dale Cramer
Carl Howard

Oliver Lewis

Addison Burford
John Porter
William Steele
E. R. Evans
John Evans
E. H. Phillips
Harold Otten
W. D. Martensen
Stanley Gieschen

CLERKS

William Evans	E. R. Evans
Miss Blanche Twyman	John Evans
(became Mrs. H. T. Martensen while clerk)	
Charles E. Evans	Kathleen Evans Phillips
Edward Steele	(Mrs. Alvin E.)
Mrs. Ollie Hardin	

Thirty-four men have been pastor of Mt. Olive, some more than once. Lycurgus Baughman was pastor 5 different times for a total of 8 years, 10 months, which was longer than any other pastor served. The greatest number of years served consecutively was 6 years, 7 months by Roy F. Williams. The complete list:

PASTORS

B. F. Dinwiddie	L. J. Baughman
B. D. Stone	W. V. Parsons
Frank Ireland	E. T. Shelton
C. H. Cramer	Robert F. Driskell
J. K. Godby	S. W. Scot
C. N. White	David W. Williams
J. M. Tate	I. Barber
T. J. Suddarth	Zeb Thomas
C. A. Stephens	R. P. Douglass
F. C. Richards	J. S. Price
J. B. Bomar	T. F. Maxwell
Roy F. Williams	Elmer B. Mundy
John Muncy	George Payne
E. H. Boggess	Quenten M. Boyd
Jay W. Borders	B. F. Dinwiddie (Interim)
Morris Potter	(grandson of first pastor)
Gary Payne	Ed Allen
Leroy Moon	

Written by Mrs. Alvin E. Phillips



GRAVOIS MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

There have been three Baptist Churches that have borne the name of Gravois. Upper Gravois reported to the Lamine Association during the years of 1875-1890. Then beginning in 1891 the church became Ritchie and reported and was a part of the Association until during the 1920's.

There was another church known as Big Gravois which seemingly was not in existence for very many years around 1880. No further facts are now known.

The church that is now in the Lamine Association and active in the Lord's work was first called the United Central Baptist Church of Gravois Mills. It was organized on June 12, 1881. It met for several years in a school house. The following persons were charter members: Thomas T. Caldwell, Jesse Webb, Mary Jane Webb, James Silvey, John Silvey, Mary C. Silvey, Margaret E. Silvey, Henry J. Webb, Armilda Webb, Cythia A. Cole, Chrisy Martenia Silvey and Elizabeth Silvey. On June 18, 1898, the membership had grown to 65 and then the information about this church became scarce and the last recorded fact given was dated the third Sunday in June, 1903, when it stated that Mary Webster

was clerk and Rev. I. Barbour was the pastor.

In the fall of 1923, another church known as Gravois Baptist Church was organized. It seems to have been organized as the result of a revival held by Rev. Oscar Hammers of Linn Creek and with the help of Rev. Ben Sims, who was the Associational Missionary at that time. After this revival about 30 persons were baptized in a joint baptismal service with the Versailles Church which baptized about 70. The following were listed as charter members of this revitalized organization:

Jack Williams	Eugene Williams
Jack Holst	Hazel Rastorfer
Helen Hilderbrand	Gussie Caywood
Addie Hibdon	Mrs. Emmet Holst
Lucie Williams	Mrs. William Caywood
Lelia Kays	Ollie Hilderbrand
Mrs. John Rastorfer	Vera Olive Webster
Phillip Marriott	Mrs. Cora Cornett
Mrs. John Marriott	Esther Marriott
Howard Williams	Della Williams
Faye Marriott	Clifford Williams
Katherine Holst	James Rastorfer
Mrs. Riley Marriott	Cleo Silvey
Mrs. Watts Webster	Rosie Williams
John Marriott	Mrs. Maud Hibdon
Wm. Caywood	Louise Williams
Mrs. Phillip Marriott	Ellen Marriott
Mrs. Dan Williams	Belva Cornett
Hiram Page	Willia Holst
Riley Marriott	Mrs. George Blosser
John B. Rastorfer	Jack Conner
Barton Marriott	Elmer Offineer
Earnest Hilderbrand	Mrs. Elmer Offineer

The above church seemingly became inactive and in 1953 another Gravois Church came into being. It seems to have been the reorganization of this one. Rev. L. A. Enloe of Russellville was doing the preaching. On November 22, 1953, a Sunday School was organized and on December 13, 1953, the church was reconstituted. The organizing service had the following as some of the participants: Rev. J. M. James, Missionary of Concord-Lamine Associations; Rev. L. E. Johnson, Versailles; Rev. Roy Williams, Stover; Rev. Leonard Webb who also lived in Versailles; Dr. R. W. Leazer, State Missionary of the Missouri Baptist General

Association. There were 14 charter members at this time:

Ira Cook

Hazel Cook

Cletus Wood

Mrs. Cletus Wood

Robert Powers

Mrs. Nellie Powers

Ronald Powers

R. Tom Bailey

Donald Marriott

Elsie Marriott

Edna Blanks

Faye Blanks

A. O. Connors

Mrs. A. O. Connors

Rev. L. A. Enloe was chosen as pastor to preach twice each month. This church, now known as the Gravois Mills Baptist Church is now a full time church with preaching every Sunday. Rev. Lloyd Patterson is the pastor.

*Written by Mrs. Hazel Cook
and Rev. Charles A. Whaley*



BUNCETON BAPTIST CHURCH

A group of interested men and women felt the need of a Baptist church in Bunceton. In October, 1887, the Bunceton Baptist Church consisting of seventeen members was constituted with Brother A. Machotte officiating at the meeting when they

adopted articles of faith fully in accordance with the Baptist views and teachings of the Bible.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Charles P. Tutt—Deacon and Clerk

Sam T. Fulp—Deacon

C. A. Reese—Deacon

Mrs. Martha C. Logan

Mrs. Lucretia Euig

A church building was erected in 1888, which stood until February 9, 1953 at the location of the present church.

Since the church was organized the following ministers have served as

PASTORS

Rev. Hudson

Rev. D. E. Allen

Rev. G. B. Tutt

Rev. E. L. Painter

Rev. Pearson

Rev. P. O. Sanders

Rev. Stockton

Rev. M. S. Timbrook

Rev. E. J. Sanderson

Rev. O. A. Winscott

Rev. A. E. Rogers

Rev. F. E. Cooper

Rev. H. T. Aulick

Rev. A. B. Christian

Rev. D. H. Howerton

Rev. J. M. Wilcoxen

Rev. T. M. McDonnell

Rev. Edward Winchell

Rev. J. L. Foley

Rev. C. O. Berry

Rev. L. E. Hedrick

Rev. Robert H. Streeter

Rev. Elmer Orr

Rev. Wm. Horn

Rev. W. H. Butler

Rev. Corydon Hudson

Rev. Lindy Norris

CLERKS

Virgil L. Kerns

W. Henry Palmer

J. R. Kerns

C. T. Nelson

Riley B. Edwards

Mrs. Riley B. Edwards

Plans for erecting a new building were decided upon October 1, 1952. Our last service was held in the old building February 9, 1953 and the following day we moved into a store building on Main Street where services were conducted until October.

On October 11, 1953, the first service was held in the basement of the new building. On January 24, 1954, services were conducted in the new auditorium for the first time. The new building was dedicated May 2, 1954. Deacons who have served the new church are:

H. L. Shirley

W. N. Betteridge

C. T. Nelson

John Gerhardt

Will Shirley

John Scott

Riley B. Edwards

Richard Nelson

G. S. Morris

Claude Morris

Earl Scott

Norman Fry

The trustees at present are; John Gerhardt, Robert J. Foster, Richard Nelson.

In 1959, the church purchased the property east of the church and made a parking lot.

Our church has a missionary society consisting of 24 members and a Sunbeam Band of 24 members.

We have had a steady growth in missions.

Our present membership is 171.

The officers serving our church and Sunday School at present are:

Dept. I Supt. - Norman Fry
Pianist - Mrs. W. B. Gibson
Secretary - Mrs. Jim Moore
Dept. II Supt. - Charles Scott
Pianist - Joan Gibson
Secretary - Deborah Gerhardt
Church Clerk - Mrs. Riley Edwards
Treasurer - John Scott
Organist - Mrs. John Gerhardt
Pastor - Rev. Corydon Hudson

*Written by Mrs. Riley Edwards
and Mrs. Helen Filler*

1873 - "No Sunday Schools have been reported in the letters to the Association and consequently we have no knowledge of what is being done in this important work."



WEST UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

In the years of 1905 and 1906, several Christian families met in homes of the community where worship services and prayer meetings were held. The decision was made to organize a church to be known as West Union Missionary Church of Christ, and the church was to be located three miles southwest of Versailles.

Records taken from the Recorder's Office in the Court House in Versailles state that February 23, 1907, J. P. Bonine and wife, Mary A. Bonine, gave a parcel of ground to be used for church purposes. When not in use for church purposes, the ground was to be reverted to grantors.

In 1906, there were 13 baptisms, 29 letters received, 2 restorations, 8 recommendations and 4 relations to make the total membership 56. The pastor at this time was T. & Baughman of Gladstone and the clerk was J. W. Conners of Versailles.

The first church building was a 30 x 60 frame construction with a north frontage. The labor was done by local men who donated all of the work. Services were held the first Sunday of each month, with business meetings held the Saturday night before.

In September, 1948, Rev. C. E. Williams of Amsterdam, Missouri, came into the community and held a revival. At this time 52 people were baptized and 7 came by letter.

By this date, the first church building was much in need of repairs as services had been on a part-time basis all of these years. On June 4, 1951, work was begun on the construction of a new building. This was made of blocks and had an east frontage. Most of the labor was again donated by local members. Dedication services were held April 7, 1955 with Paul Russell preaching the dedication sermon. Four Sunday School rooms were added to this building in the fall of 1960.

When the church was revived in 1948, Paul Russell was called to be our pastor. He helped to get the church more organized. Monthly payments of \$5 were sent to the Cooperative Program; and in September, 1949, it was voted to join the Lamine Association and send \$2.50 each month. In October, the church voted to have electricity connected with the REA, and the following January we had the January Bible Study. Later the W.M.U., Brotherhood, Y.W.A, G.A.'s, and Sunbeam organizations were begun. Mrs. A. F. Waddell was the W.M.U. president for many years. Mrs. John Purvis and Mrs. Cathryn Allen Moesch were workers with the Sunbeams, and Mrs. Elzie Huff worked with the Y.W.A. Miss Lois Cable and Mrs. Harold (Marie) Decker were G.A. leaders. At the present time, only the women's organization is active.

PASTORS

T. H. Baughman
J. A. Broyles
Harve Riggs
L. V. Webb
David Vaughn
C. R. Morgan
Leo Moore
A. D. Gillespie
Tommy Bunch

L. J. Baughman
Isaiah Barber
J. R. Wilson
Lem Stevenson
Paul Russell
L. A. Enloe
Charles Register
Kenneth Carpenter
Edward Winchell

Supply Pastors serving at various times were: Dr. H. E. Truex, G. N. Neafus, N. E. Williams and Steve Staffer.

DEACONS

Frank Merchant
James Busker
George Brown
Jess Caviness

J. B. Bomar
C. E. Hedrick
Walter Crafton
Elzie Huff

DEACONS (cont.)

Andrew Allen

Harold Decker

Others serving in this capacity, having been ordained elsewhere were; Victor Crouch and Orvil Williams.

During the years, the church has licensed to preach the Gospel three men; J. R. Wilson, Dwight E. Huff and Randall Bunch.

CLERKS

J. W. Connors

C. E. Hedrick

Philip Marriott

M. D. Marriott

Andrew Allen

Mrs. Orville (Alta) Huff

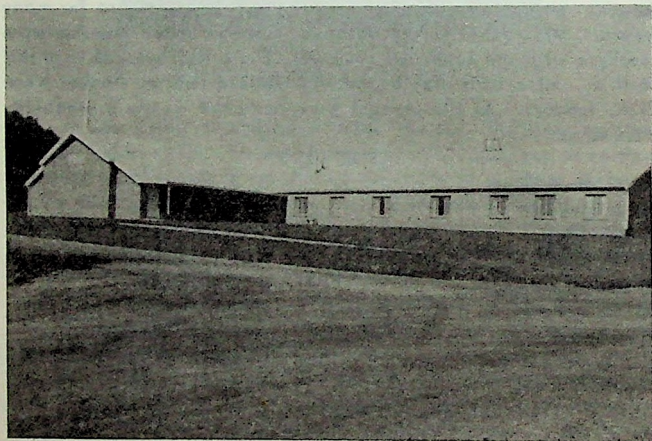
Mrs. George (Alpha) Brown

Mrs. Ross (Audra) Cable

Miss Lois Cable

The church has been on a full-time basis since the ministry of Charles Register. The membership totals more than 200, however, many of them are non-resident members.

Written by Mrs. Elzie (Odessa) Huff



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STOVER

The history of the First Baptist Church of Stover, Missouri began August 4, 1910 when, as the minutes state "In council

with Rev. R. L. Carroll of Liberty, Missouri and Rev. A. R. Foster of Versailles, Missouri and a number of Baptists in and around Stover met at the City Hotel for the purpose of considering the advisability of organizing a Baptist Church in Stover. After discussing the question from various standpoints and after prayer, thirteen of the number present voted to constitute said Baptist Church and to form the organization at once." The following names are the names of those voting. Then 49 persons were added to the 13 starting.

Ella Ensminger, Elizabeth Rapp, Alice Jolly, Cynthia Hunter, Mary Fry, Ida Helmig, N. J. Todd, Mattie Todd, Edna Gehrs, R. B. Bowers, Mary Bowers, Mattie Fredericks, Eileen Johnson.

After listening to the reading of the declaration of faith as set forth in J. M. "Pendleton's Manual", the thirteen voted to adopt these Articles of Faith as the Articles of Faith of this new organization. A. R. Foster, Moderator, R. L. Carroll, clerk. Rev. A. R. Foster first pastor. Church named First Baptist of Stover. First meeting place U. B. Church then in Bauer Hall. August 30, 1910, asked for admittance to Lamine Association. On October 23, 1910, N. J. Todd, Hardin Williams, M. P. Hughes, C. L. Johnson, W. T. Weaver, Sidney Merriott and Francis Grace were elected as building committee. \$1700. had been pledged for the new building. On October 24, 1910, M. P. Hughes offered to donate a plot of ground for the church and parsonage use only.

The first Sunday School was held in the new building on May 21, 1911. Special building committee meeting July 22, 1911. Committee reported \$1033.11 had been paid on building; \$413.64 donated work, \$280.00 indebted; cost of building \$1726.65.

Rev. A. T. Wilkenson was called as pastor September 2, 1911, salary \$16.00 per month, 2 services each month.

Rev. Broyles was called as pastor April, 1912, salary \$100 per year, or \$8.33 per month. He served as pastor until 1913.

One rather unusual item of business appeared on December 4, 1911, when the following passed: "Motion to prohibit all except devotional music in the Church or on the grounds."

Rev. C. J. Miller was called as pastor April, 1914, \$7.00 per month salary, he served until December, 1914. Rev. A. T. Wilkenson was called again as pastor. He served one year. A Rev. Miller was called in April, 1916. On April 18, 1916, the building was leveled by a tornado. On May 27, 1916, it was reported it would take \$1238.00 to rebuild and refurnish.

The new building was dedicated free of debt May 26, 1918.

Rev. C. M. Truex preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Miller was recalled after new building was finished. He served for several years. In October of 1918, there were no services. During Rev. Miller's pastorate of more than 5 years the church grew in Mission emphasis. Rev. Miller passed away April 25, 1920.

Rev. Roy W. Porter was called as pastor in May, 1920. He was paid \$5.00 per trip for half-time preaching. Seemingly there was a disagreement when the pastor asked that his railroad fare be paid in addition to his salary and he resigned.

Rev. T. F. Maxwell became pastor March, 1921. He served until October, 1922. During this time the envelope system for giving was adopted. Also 40 names of members were placed on what was then called a delinquent roll. It was also voted that a roll call be taken every six months and members who did not attend regularly come to church and give reason for non-attendance. From November, 1922 until October, 1924, there was a succession of supply preachers, and finally Rev. Hardin Driskell was called. A classic motion was incorporated in the minutes of December 26, 1926, as follows: "A motion was made and carried that the Church vote by ballot, each one voting for their favorite preacher and if the ballot resulted in an election, then a subscription paper would be circulated and if sufficient money was subscribed then the board of Deacons have the power to contact with the preacher." The vote was taken and Brother Driskell received 19 of the 26 votes. This sort of action was common in the past when feelings were given an uttermost place and the will of the Lord was sometimes left out. Evidently Rev. Driskell did not like the idea and did not accept. It was not until April, 1926 that a pastor was found; altho, several were considered. Rev. Joseph Dewitte was called. During his pastorate Sunday School was reorganized and, what is now considered as a step backwards was taken when, sexes were placed together in the same class. Rev. Dewitte served through December, 1928.

Rev. T. F. Maxwell was called again August, 1929, and served until October, 1933. It was in 1929 that Orlyn Merriott was elected clerk. In January, 1934, Rev. L. E. Robinson was called as pastor at \$20.00 per month for half-time provided he live on the field. He served until December, 1936.

With the help of the Associational Missionary, Rev. B. F. Davidson, the church had services off and on until in August, 1937.

Two young men from Stover Church entered the ministry — Orval Woolery and Wayne Masters.

Rev. John Cravens became the pastor. The six-point record system was adopted. Vacation Bible School, a budget, Training Union (in place of Young People's Society), the Ministers' Retirement Plan, the Extension and Cradle Roll departments were organized, his marriage to Miss Betty Smith of Wichita, Kansas, were all accomplished during his ministry here. He offered his resignation on July 6, 1941 to go to Calhoun. In August, 1941, Rev. Curtis Gatson was called as pastor. He served until the middle of 1943. During this time the church had preaching 3 Sundays a month, and the budget, which had been around \$700, went to \$1000 per year.

Rev. W. E. Prewitt served as pastor from July, 1943, through September, 1944. Several supply pastors were used until the end of the year. Rev. William Hopkins was called in March, 1945, and served until the end of the year. During this time the adult classes were divided into two classes, a "ladies'" and a "men's" class.

In February, 1946, Rev. Kenneth Wilkinson (the son of Rev. A. T. Wilkinson) was called to become pastor. He served one year. During this year the parsonage was started.

Rev. Roy Martin was called in January, 1946. It was voted to put the Word and Way in the budget so each family receive one. A men's Brotherhood and a Woman's Missionary Society were organized. He resigned in September, 1949. On January 17, 1950, Rev. Hugh Trotter was called. He served through December, 1950.

In January, 1951, Rev. Roy Williams was called and served until February 28, 1955. In December of his first year, the newly adopted budget was for \$3458.36. This included larger amount for Mission causes. The Sunday School was enlarged with classes being held in the parsonage basement. In July, 1954, a mission was started at the Big Buffalo school and continued until September, 1955.

Rev. Charles A. Whaley, Gainesville, Missouri, came before the Church on April 3, 1955 and was called April 6th. The budget approved for 1956 was for \$5100. In November, 1956, the church voted to transfer \$700 from current funds to begin a building fund for an educational building. The budget of \$5477.50 for 1958 was adopted; the largest the church ever carried. The lot just south of the parsonage was bought from Mrs. Eunice Rowland for \$1000 down, balance \$1600 to be paid within two years. At this present time the church is in the Forward Program of Church Finance.

Rev. William Pennell was called as pastor December 3, 1958 and resigned on July 15, 1962, staying on the field until the 19th. No more was accomplished on educational building during his pastorate. A supply preacher was used until Rev. Eugene Edwards was called November, 1962. He moved on the field in January, 1963.

An ordination service was held August 18, 1963 to ordain Curtis Hilderbrand and Arnold Marriott as deacons and Donald Spaulding as minister of the gospel.

An educational building was built south of the parsonage and dedicated on November 8, 1964.

Rev. Edwards resigned on Sunday, August 22, 1965, effective September 5, 1965.

The annual Lamine Association meeting was held in Stover September, 1965.

Rev. Elmer Clawson of Otterville served as interim pastor until November 28, 1965. He and Rev. Walter P. Arnold of Sedalia held a week's revival. Rev. Guy Brown of Jackson, Missouri was called as pastor on December 6, 1965. He moved on the field and was with us for the Christmas Season. Work began on the new auditorium December of 1967 and was completed June 30, 1968. The dedication of new auditorium was held July 21, 1968. Webster Brown gave the dedication message.

Sunday, October 20, 1969, a recognition service for three men with long service to the church; Orlyn Merriott as Church Clerk 39 years, James Rastorfer Deacon 28 years and 27 of those as chairman, Harold Hughes as treasurer 9 years.

Rev. Guy Brown resigned Sunday, August 17, 1969 to go to Wyaconda, Missouri. Rev. Charles Whaley, Lamine Association Missionary and Rev. Thomas Nelson filled the pulpit for two Sundays. Rev. W. N. Nolte, Concordia, served as interim pastor until Rev. Leroy Erzinger of McGirk was called as pastor. He moved on the field November 17, 1969. His pastorate was terminated June 9, 1971.

Written by Mrs. Arnold Marriott



SANTA FE TRAIL BAPTIST CHURCH 1962-1971

Located in Boonville, Missouri, near the old Santa Fe Trail that was used by our forefathers as they trekked westward, the Santa Fe Trail Baptist Church was founded upon the same type of faith that challenged those early pioneers.

Through the years, a few visionary laymen and pastors of First Baptist Church had seen the need of a mission church in Boonville. Mission Sunday Schools were started but were of short duration.

During the ministry of the Rev. Glenn A. Irons and the Rev. Joe B. Mustion, Music and Education Director, the need for a mission was again emphasized. A mission committee was chosen. Those serving on it were:

Rev. Irons, Pastor
Morton Craig (later chairman)
William Houf
James W. Allen
Mrs. Cecil Jenkins
James Lee Kelley

Fred E. Baker, Chairman
Truman Debo
Rev. Joe Mustion
Rev. Russell Barnes
J. R. Phillips
Mr. & Mrs. A.P. Reichel

Mrs. William Renfrow
Morris Stegner
Floyd Strange
Dale Whitfield

D. N. Smith
Mrs. Marjorie Steere
Mrs. Wayne Strange

A city-wide religious census showed that 130 members of the First Baptist Church and their families and 165 people who indicated Baptist preference lived in the western part of Boonville.

On July 25, 1962, at a called business meeting, the church voted to hold a two-week tent revival. It was held August 27th-September 9th on two vacant lots in the 200 block of West Spring Street. The Rev. Jean Osborn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayette, Missouri, was the evangelist. The Rev. Joe Mustion led the music.

During one week of the revival, a Vacation Bible School was also held with an enrollment of 82. God so richly blessed these efforts that plans were carried out to continue mission services.

Born in a tent, the mission had to have a building in which to grow and develop. Mrs. Annie White, affectionately known as "Mom" met this need. She and her husband owned the River-view Roller Rink at Harley Park and gave permission to use it, rent free, for Sunday School and morning worship services. In September, 1962, there were 62 enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 50.

The lots where the tent revival had been held were purchased for \$5,500. On January 16, 1963, Albert Stegner, Chairman; O. J. Niemann and William Houf were elected to serve on the Mission Building Committee.

A floor plan designed by the Rev. Joe Mustion and a bid from Albert Bretthorst, Contractor, were approved by the church on February 13, 1963. The plan was for a building 36' x 77' of dry wall construction and brick veneer with auditorium space to seat 175, five rooms for classes, a pastor's study and modern rest rooms.

Following the morning worship services on February 17, 1963, a ground breaking ceremony was held. Construction of the building began on April 4, 1963. During construction, the church was saddened by the untimely death of the Rev. Irons in May and Albert Bretthorst in June.

On July 28, 1963, less than a year from the time of the tent revival, services were held in the new chapel. The Sunday School attendance was 81 and there were 38 in Training Union. A full

organizational program was soon launched.

In August, the Rev. Russell Barnes of Fayette, Missouri, who had served as interim pastor, was called to serve full time.

Dedication services for the new building were held Sunday, December 8, 1963.

The Santa Fe Trail Baptist Chapel with 84 charter members was constituted as a church affiliated with Lamine Baptist Association and the Missouri Baptist Convention on December 29, 1963.

Charter members were:

James W. Allen
Mary Louise Allen
Larry Allen
Sandra Lee Bailey
Warner T. Bailey
Russell Barnes
Mrs. I. E. Benton
Robert Benton
Mrs. Morton Craig
Howard L. Davis
Mrs. Frank Hunter
Beverly Dodson
Mrs. Martha Doehne
Mrs. Eunice Gensler
Mrs. Carroll Hunt
Kenneth Kelley
Lee Kelley
Debbie Kelley
Mike Kelley
Troy Klatt
Mrs. Edward Lewis
Carl Linville
Ricky Linville
Betty Jane Murray
Randall W. Murray
O. J. Niemann
Everett Oliver
Ora Lee Post
Thomas E. Priester
JoAnn Rentschler
George William Rentschler
Mrs. G. H. Rentschler
James Sapp

Mrs. Jim W. Allen
Janet Allen
Mrs. Robert Allen
Mrs. Warner Bailey
James K. Bailey
Shirley Baslee
Ike Benton
Morton Craig
James Craig
Frank Hunter
Mrs. Howard L. Davis
Mrs. Gertrude Dungan
Mrs. R. G. Edwards
Carroll R. Hunt
Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
Mrs. Kenneth Kelley
Mrs. Lee Kelley
Pat Kelley
Mrs. Troy Klatt
Edward Lewis
Mrs. Carl Linville
Barry Linville
Marilyn Manning
Richard Murray
Mrs. E. B. Moore
Marie Niemann
Mrs. Everett Oliver
Donna Lee Post
Mrs. W. H. Palmer
Ruth Rentschler
Doris Jean Rentschler
Mrs. Nora Renfrow
Mrs. James Sapp

Morris Stegner
Mrs. Floyd Strange
Wayne Strange
Sheri Strange
Alex Schull
Mrs. Glen Shook
Wayne Simmons
Dale Whitfield
Steven Whitfield

Mrs. Morris Stegner
Floyd Strange
Mrs. Wayne Strange
Mrs. Alex Schull
Linda Shook
Mrs. Wayne Simmons
Louise Thomas
Mrs. Dale Whitfield
Susan Whitfield

Two of these, James Allen and Everett Oliver, had been ordained as deacons December 16, 1962, by the First Baptist Church of Boonville.

The proposed budget for 1964 was \$11,500. The pastor's salary was \$2,640. plus \$960.00 from Missouri Baptist Convention.

In January, the church voted to purchase the two lots behind the church. It also approved a loan from the Missouri Baptist Building Fund in the amount of \$24,500 for the church properties. \$20,000 of this debt was assumed from the First Baptist Church who had borrowed it.

Floyd Strange, Morton Craig, James Allen, Dale Whitfield, Everett Oliver, Carl Linville, and Warner Bailey were elected to work on a constitution. It was adopted by the church, December 2, 1964.

The Rev. Russell Barnes resigned on June 8, 1966.

July 6, 1966, the late Rev. Elmer Clawson accepted the call to serve as interim pastor. A Bible School hadn't been held earlier so he and Mrs. Clawson led in a very successful one on July 25th through August 5th. Even though he was not physically able, this man of God gave of himself selflessly in the ministry of the church for several months. A spirit of unity and cooperation prevailed.

The Rev. Walter Cox, Hardin, Missouri, accepted an unanimous call in November, 1966.

A pastorium was purchased by the church in April, 1967.

This was the first year that the Vacation Bible School met the Standard of Excellence.

More space for Sunday School classes continued to be a pressing need. On October 23, 1968, a building committee was elected. Those serving on it were the Rev. Cox, Bill Robinett, Chairman; Floyd Strange, James Allen, Howard Campbell, Don Slater, Mrs. Wayne Strange and Mrs. Warner Bailey.

A basement-type building 38' x 90' has been completed at a cost of \$15,000. Much of the labor was done by the men of the church. There are 9 class rooms, kitchen, utility room, two rest rooms and a fellowship hall.

Since becoming a church, Santa Fe Trail has ordained Morris Stegner, Howard Campbell, Bill Robinett and Gary Fry as deacons. Two young men, Larry Allen and Don Commino have been given licenses to preach.

Those who have served as church clerks are Mrs. Robert Allen, Mrs. Dale Whitfield, Mrs. Wayne Simmons, Mrs. Troy Klatt and Mrs. Jack Childers.

The budget for 1971 is \$18,937. The pastor's salary is \$5200 plus housing, convention expenses, \$660 for car expense, pastor's annuity plan, social security and hospitalization.

There are 163 church members, 180 enrolled in Sunday School and 76 in Church Training. There is an active W.M.U., Brotherhood and Auxiliary program.

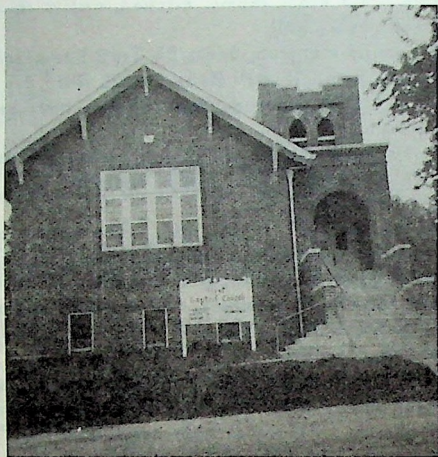
The dream of a mission was realized through the gifts of time, talent and money from many friends, neighbors and members of the local church. Financial help came from the "300" Club and the Missions Committee of Lamine Association, the grant and pastor's supplement from the Missouri Baptist Convention and the loan from the Missouri Baptist Building Fund. Memorial gifts in memory of loved ones have helped to furnish the building.

Under the dedicated leadership of the Rev. Walter Cox and other leaders, the church looks forward to the further accomplishment of its task to the glory of God.

The old Santa Fe Trail is a mute reminder of the hope and courage of those who blazed the trail in quest of a better way of life. May the church that bears its name continue to stand as a lighthouse in a dark world, leading men to Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Written by Mrs. Warner (Virginia) Bailey, Historian

Churches Once in Lamine Association
Now in Harmony Association



SYRACUSE BAPTIST CHURCH

To write the history of the Syracuse Baptist Church, it becomes necessary also that we write the history of the old Beulah Church, for they are identical. In order to appreciate the activities and progress of the church, under either name, it is well to remember that the spirit of missions is to convey to others the tidings of salvation by grace; that the very essence of religion is to so strive, teach, and build that it may be made possible for others, even coming and unknown generations, to have the gospel preached to them. With this thought, doubtless, in mind, Elias George, a pioneer Baptist preacher, walked from his home, near to where Bunceton now is, and preached for the early settlers of this community, at a little school house about half a mile west of this town, south of the railroad, about 50 yards south of where Highway No. 50 crossed Otter Creek, land belonging to Eliza Shanklin. This was in the early 40's.

How long he, or others, continued to preach there is not known, but it is recorded that there, on the 10th day of September, 1842, old Beulah Baptist Church began to have its

being as an organized body. Here is a record of Beulah Baptist Church.

From 1842 for several years, Beulah Baptist Church had 38 white members and 8 colored members. The record of the church was lost from 1842 to 1857. But in the record as we take it up again in May 1857 we see them worshiping in a neat building near Otter Creek on Highway No. 12. Still may be seen a few scattered stones of a grave yard. Elias George was made the first pastor of the church, followed by Joseph W. Chaney.

The church in its entire existence from 1842 to present date, has had but 24 different men as pastors and 9 elected clerks. The longest pastorates were those of C. N. White, F. C. Richards and G. L. Newkirk. The longest continuous service to the church was that of Mrs. Monroe L. Neale, clerk from August, 1928, to October, 1961. Following are the names of the pastors and the dates of their election:

Elias George-9/1842	J. M. Chaney-5/1859
C. J. Teas-10/1860	Wm. M. Robinson-3/1861
Wm. V. Parsons-1/1869	G. W. Hyde-1/1870
John Letts-12/1871	T. V. Greer-6/1874
Wm. V. Tipton-3/1876	John Letts-4/1877
L. J. Baughman-12/1877	Wm. V. Parsons-1877
John Letts-11/1888	R. F. Driskell-12/1890
C. N. White-11/1895	F. W. Wisdom-12/1905
John Tate-10/1906	F. C. Richards-11/1907
T. R. White-11/1909	Zeb Thomas-2/1912
F. C. Richards-11/1912	E. James-12/1922
E. L. Huckle-11/1924	L. E. Hedrick-8/1925
G. L. Newkirk-7/1928	H. W. Gadd-11/1937
M. C. Ballenger-6/1945	C. M. Renno-1948
Wayne Masters-1951	James Allen-1954
Bob Potter-1955	Jack Rowley-1965
Harold Smith-1967 to present (1971)	

In 1859, Beulah entertained the Concord Association, to which for years after that she belonged. In 1869, Beulah had services in a building in Syracuse. In 1874 to 1876, the people of the church met in the school house. 1880 to 1887, the life of Beulah seemed to be at a very low ebb. In 1883, Wm. M. Robinson preached for the church. N. R. Pittman began a 10 day revival. At the close of the meeting he baptized 10 or 12 and received some by letter. They reorganized the church, elected W. V. Parsons as pastor. Then in 1887, the name of the church was changed from Beulah

to the "First Baptist Church of Syracuse, Missouri". In 1892, the members of the church began to talk about a new building. The new church was dedicated December 6, 1896. Total cost of building was \$1,131.20. It was free of debt. The Sunday School was organized in February, 1897. The church began to increase in numbers and activities. The people saw that we needed a larger building, so the present church was built in 1918. The cost of the building was \$15,000. This building was dedicated May 9, 1920, free of debt. The Sunday School has had only seven different elected men as superintendents. They were:

E. Hutchison

D. C. Decker

Ed Richards

Chas. Peoples

Monroe Neals

A. J. Nelson

Herbert Brauer

At this time the church has a membership of about 300; at the present time the longest continuous membership being those of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Decker and Mrs. John Decker.

The first home-coming program in the history of the church was September 20, 1928. Another was November 26, 1933. The home-coming program was a success in points of program, fellowship and lunch. Rev. F. C. Richards delivered the morning address on the subject of "Our Future Home" and "Shall We Know Each Other There?" After which followed the lunch. Rev. J. A. Bryson gave the afternoon address. Then each department of teaching, training and missions had a report. An account of the Sunday School from the beginning, with the opposition and resistance of some of the members, to the present efficient, standard organization, graded, departmentalized Sunday School, with its eight departments was given by our efficient superintendent, Monroe L. Neale. Our General Director, Mrs. Earl Thomas, gave a good report of the organization of our Training department. This was followed by the president of our W.M.S., Mrs. John Rowles, giving a good report of our missionary work. This was followed by remarks from our pastor, Rev. G. L. Newkirk.

September 12-13, 1942, our church celebrated its 100th Anniversary.

The World War II was declared December 7, 1941. Many of our boys were called into service. Only two members of our church did not come back. They were Harlan Benjamin Neale and Billie Smith. We had a homecoming for the returned boys January 27, 1946. On that day, the church voted to send a missionary to Japan - pay salary of one. In about 15 minutes \$1000 was pledged and paid in

for the salary. Miss Cecile Lancaster was appointed our missionary. This was a living memorial to our boys who gave their lives in World War II and to all who served in that war. Every year for but ten years, we paid the salary of our missionary. Miss Lancaster visited our church several years during that time.

August, 1955, our church built a new pastorium. The cost was \$8816.14. In 1961, we built an addition to the church; also we added a baptistry.

The first Sunday in October, 1961, the church presented a Bible to Mrs. Monroe L. Neale to show love and appreciation for 33 years as clerk.

In 1963, we enriched our already flourishing music ministry of the church by purchasing a Hammond Organ. George H. Neitzert was organist and Mrs. Donald Zumsteg, choir director.

May 23, 1965, Rev. Bob Potter preached his farewell sermon for us. He had been our pastor for ten years.

July 18, 1965, Rev. Jack Rowley, our new pastor, preached for us, beginning his work with us.

July, 1966, we voted to leave Lamine Association and join Harmony Association. In September, 1966, Harmony voted to receive us into their Association.

Written by Mrs. Monroe L. Neale



The cost of boarding in William Jewell was 23¢ a day for the year 1885-86.

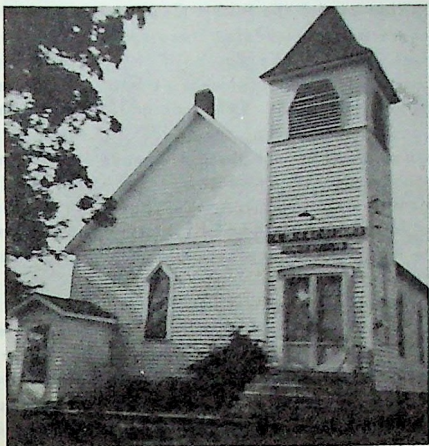


SMITHTON BAPTIST CHURCH

The ancestry of Smithton Baptist Church is of particular interest to those in Lamine Association. As we learn from the history of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, several arms of that church were established in various places, one being in Pettis County near the Lamine River. In 1842, several brethren and sisters of that vicinity were dismissed by letter from that arm of Mt. Nebo to go into the Providence Baptist Church, 3 miles southwest of Clifton City, which was organized by A. P. Williams and J. G. Birkley on April 4, 1842. Providence, in turn, was the parent of three other Baptist churches, of which Smithton Baptist Church was one. It was organized in 1865, and was, for a time, affiliated with Lamine Association, reporting first to that body in 1873 and last in 1879; on October 24th of that year joining with five other churches, Bethlehem, Hopewell, Flat Creek, Providence and Dresden in organizing Pettis County Association. Unfortunately, early records of the church have been lost, but from their reports to Lamine Association, we know that their pastors during the years they reported were: J. K. Godby and T. V. Greer. Clerks: D. J. Shy, D. J. Shy, Jr. Smithton Baptist Church is now affiliated with

Harmony Baptist Association, which superseded Pettis County Association, December 16, 1881.

Written by Mrs. Alvin E. Phillips



FLAT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

The church is located five miles southwest of Smithton and was organized September 23, 1846, by Elder J. G. Birkley and Elias George. The original members were:

Benijah Gentry	Mary Gentry
James Harvey	Nancy Harvey
Sister Lucy Johnson	Jesse G. Birkley
Cornelia Birkley	Nancy Birkley
Mary Ann Birkley	Sarah Carpenter
Nancy Carpenter	

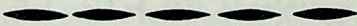
This is the same group that was dismissed from Mt. Nebo Church in Cooper County August, 1846 for the purpose of constituting a church. J. G. Birkley was the first pastor. The same year the church united with the Saline Missionary Baptist Association, and remained a member of that body until 1871. In 1851, by the accession of members, the church had become strong and several of the members withdrew by letter and organized the Bethlehem Church six miles south of Sedalia. In the same year, A. N. Driskell, Alva Goodnight and John Adkins were ordained as deacons. William B. Baugh and John T. Miller were ordained deacons in

1878 and Jonathan Davis was transferred from Florence Church as a deacon. In 1871, the church withdrew from the Saline Association and went into the Lamine and in 1879, with others, formed a new association called the Pettis County Association, which, after two years was "remodeled" and called Harmony Association.

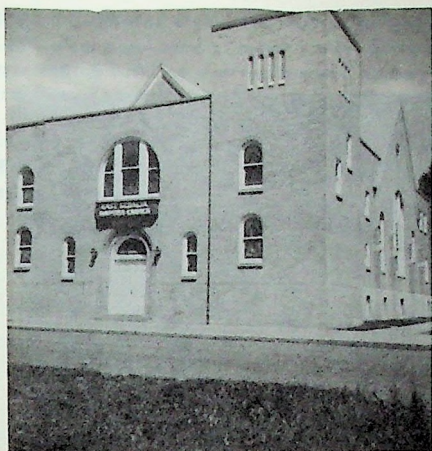
The first church house was built on the north side of Flat Creek, about three miles southwest of Smithton. It was built of wood and cost about \$450. This was in 1858 and later moved to Priceville and in 1861 it was taken down by the 42nd Illinois U.S. Volunteers and moved to Smithton and made into barracks. The church had no regular place of meeting from that time until 1872, when the members again built another house five miles southwest of Smithton on the south side of Flat Creek, costing about \$800. At this time they had Sunday School during the summer and autumn months with fair attendance.

Some of the pastors before 1879 were: J. G. Birkley, from 1851 until 1853, Elders G. W. Landes, Thompson Estes and S. Driskell preached regularly to the church as volunteers but in 1853 Samuel Driskell was called as regular pastor. Other pastors were: B. T. Thomas, J. K. Godby, W. V. Parsons, S. Adkins, William H. Rodgers (who was ordained by the Church in 1871), L. W. Whipple, and Elder David Horne.

"From History of Pettis County 1882"



1880 - "Upper Gravois, Lower Gravois and Oak Grove Churches practice foot washing in connection with the Lord's Supper."



EAST SEDALIA BAPTIST CHURCH

About the year 1865, Rev. E. T. Brown came to Missouri and bought forty acres of land on which the eastern side of Sedalia is now located. Sedalia grew so rapidly that in May, 1874, Rev. Brown felt there should be another Baptist church in Sedalia, so he and his wife with a little outside assistance, built a church on the corner of Fifth and Summit Streets and gave it to the Baptists of that part of the city for a meeting house. A Sunday School was organized October 11, 1874, and increased in attendance until it numbered 200.

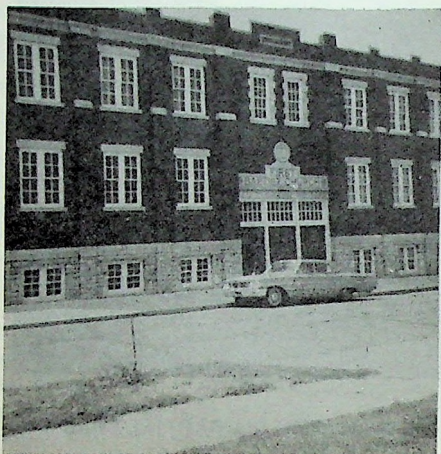
Rev. George Balcom, a Baptist evangelist held a series of meetings in March, 1875. Interest increased daily, souls were converted and baptized so the East Church was organized March 19, 1875.

Some of the early pastors were Rev. Brown, Rev. John Letts, S. D. Fulton and Rev. J. M. Planette.

Admitted to Lamine Association in 1885 and dismissed in 1890 to join Harmony Association.

East Sedalia Baptist Church is one of the most active churches in Sedalia today, 1971.

Written by Mrs. F. L. Cole, Sr.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – SEDALIA

Baptists came to Sedalia during the Civil War and organized churches in the area surrounding Sedalia. The thriving town attracted the attention of Rev. E. T. Brown, a Pennsylvania native, who set out to organize a Baptist church in Sedalia in his work as a missionary of the district.

A meeting was called in the Presbyterian Church, Second and Lamine, and 19 persons became charter members, 1865. Rev. Brown was called as pastor.

The members set their energies to providing a church building, and two lots were obtained on Lamine near Fourth, one lot being a gift from General George R. Smith, the towns founder. May 13, 1866, a frame meeting house 50 x 36 feet was dedicated at a cost of \$5,500.

A Sunday School came into existence soon after the church began its work, although there is no record of the date. In the summer of 1874, two rooms were added to the original building

and in 1876 a \$1,200 pipe organ, the first in Sedalia, was installed.

Two lots were purchased at today's site, Sixth and Lamine, and a larger church building was dedicated February 12, 1893. Rev. John Letts, Rev. Robert Harris, Rev. Judson Carey Davidson and Dr. J. B. Fuller were early pastors.

The First Church, Sedalia was admitted to Lamine Association in 1873, but was dismissed to join Harmony Association in 1888. Today, 1971, this is one of the most active churches in Sedalia.

Written by Mrs. F. L. Cole, Sr.



Some of the older one-room church buildings had two front doors—one for the men and one for the women. Inside, there was a partition the height of the backs of the seats, dividing the men's side from the women's side.

Other Churches Which Have
Been Part Of The
Lamine Association



AKINSVILLE CHURCH

Members from Mt. Carmel and Liberty Churches met May 3, 1884, at McDaniel school house, one mile northeast of Akinsville for the purpose of organizing a church. Jehu Robinson was moderator and E. T. Shelton was clerk.

The following were present:

Charles M. Moore
Jasper Moon
John R. Moore
Wm. B. Dudley
B. A. Robinson
Cordelia Hanby
Nancy Akin
John L. Merit
Fannie Stephenson
Mary P. Drake
Nancy Merit

Constantine Richardson
Edmond L. Scroggins
G. N. Hanby
Furnall (Furnace?) Adair
Cordelia Robinson
Nancy Adair
Wm. H. Grays
Lillie McDaniel
Sarah A. Moon
Jane Dudley

Their letters were read and the 21 persons resolved themselves into an independent church. Sermon by Rev. Robinson.

Articles of Faith were adopted and an opportunity was given to any who wished to unite with the church.

O. E. Devinna, John Devinna, William Richardson, Mary F. Devinna, Letitia Paxson, Lorenda Todd came with letters from Freedom Church.

May 4, 1884, the church was named Akinsville Baptist Church. Addison Smith, A. S. Drake, Elizabeth Drake united with the church.

May 17, 1884, Elizabeth I. Devinna united with the church. O. E. Devinna, J. R. Moore and Jasper Moon were to select site for new church. William Dudley, Furnall Adair and J. L. Merit were elected as a building committee; Wm. Dudley, Furnall Adair and B. A. Robertson, finance committee. Jasper Moon was elected treasurer.

May 31, 1884, G. W. Moore, J. D. Richardson, Cora Moore, Melvina Moore, Polly Ann Richardson united with the church. Amanda Parsons and Nancy Richardson united July 5th. In August at a call meeting of the church, they agreed to build a building 28 x 42 and 12 feet high. Rev. B. D. Stone was their first pastor.

In October 1884, when Lamine Association met, Akinsville Church asked for admission into the body and were active as a church and in the work of the association until 1953 when they sent their last report.

Written by Mrs. Emma Fowler

1882 - At the annual meeting, when pledges were being given for associational work, several members pledged one acre of corn, others one acre of wheat, some of the sisters pledged a hen and chickens, or a pig, tuition of one music scholar for one month, etc.



ANTIOCH CHURCH

A council meeting was called and held at New Lebanon in Cooper County, Missouri on the 1st day of October, 1871, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church. Rev. Harvey Hatcher of Moberly Church, Randolph County, was chosen moderator and B. C. Clark of Mt. Nebo Church, Cooper County, was chosen clerk. Prayer was offered by Rev. George W. Hyde, Mt. Nebo.

It was then resolved a church be organized with the following 18 members:

Edward S. Ralston

A. Key

James Thomas

J. M. Thomas

Dryden Starke

Jail F. Thomas

Lavica Thomas

Susan A. Welch

Mary N. Swarengin

T. A. Manning

George L. Thomas

John T. Thomas

C. M. Thomas

Jonas Thomas

Amanda Thomas

Lucy C. Thomas

Izella Thomas

Sally Starke

Two deacons were chosen, namely, Dryden Starke and Jonas

Thomas. E. S. Ralston was chosen church clerk. The council

proclaimed Antioch Baptist Church fully organized.

First recorded business meeting was held at Mt. Zion School House on the 4th Saturday in April, 1872. Only business brought up was to find land in the neighborhood on which to build a church building. Dryden Starke, E. S. Ralston and James Thomas were appointed to select a piece of ground for said building. W. V. Parsons, moderator, E. S. Ralston, clerk. At the July meeting the committee reported they could get one acre of land from John Thomson for the sum of \$40 and the committee was authorized to purchase the land.

On 4th Saturday in May, 1872, a business meeting was held in Mt. Zion school and preaching the next day. Dryden Starke, Jonas Thomas and George Thomas were appointed delegates to attend Concord Association. \$1.50 was collected to defray the expense of printing minutes.

On the 4th Saturday, November, 1872, by unanimous vote the church called Rev. Wm. V. Parsons as their first pastor to have services first Saturday and Sunday of each month starting January, 1873.

In February, 1874, Dryden Starke, Jonas Thomas, James Thomas, T. A. Manning and George Thomas were appointed a building committee. March, 1875, T. V. Greer was appointed pastor. C. M. Thomas was elected church clerk. First collection for Home Missions was taken March, 1876. In September, 1877 delegates were appointed to Lamine Association. First note made toward paying the pastor was November, 1877.

First revival meeting was held August, 1877, preaching by T. V. Greer. There were 13 converts that united with the church. September, 1877, a committee of four was appointed to raise funds for the church building. At next business meeting it was voted that each member pay one cent per week to pay pledge to Lamine Association for Missionary purposes and also church expenses.

Rev. I. T. Williams was called as pastor in May, 1879, and was ordained by the church in June. In August, a revival meeting was held with 8 converts.

First Monday in January, 1881, started working on church building. Began to pay pastor by subscription. Salary was \$70 per year, next year raised it to \$80. Gave \$10 for Foreign Missions. In June, 1882, voted to put rail fence around the church building.

In September, 1883, a revival meeting was held. Rev. Robertson from Versailles was the evangelist. There were 80 additions to the church, 70 by baptism.

In-August, 1910, B.Y.P.U. was organized. Woman's Missionary Society organized September 1923. March, 1923, gave \$50 to Missions, 1924, gave \$60, 1925, \$100.

PASTORS

W. V. Parsons-1872(2 yrs. 4 mo.)	T. V. Greer-1875(3½ yrs.)
I. T. Williams-1879(8 mo.)	Norman Phillips-1880(6 mo.)
E. T. Shelton-1880(2 yrs. 3 mo.)	J. K. Godby-1882-1890
Tommy White	R. F. Driskell-1891
S. T. Hudson-1892	J. K. Godby-1893-1896
C. N. White-1897-1898	J. K. Godby-1899-1900
F. C. Richards-1901-1905	J. B. Frisby-1906
John Tate-1907-1908	R. L. Payne-1909-1911
Theo. Platt-1912-1914	J. T. Osborn-1915
T. F. Maxwell-1916	Zeb Thomas-1917-1919
J. B. Bomar-1923-1929	Geo. L. Newkirk-1929-1931

CLERKS

E. S. Ralston	C. M. Thomas
W. H. Spillers	M. F. Thomas
J. H. Thomas	R. E. Kirchner
V. E. Solomon	Emma Lewis
C. L. Thomas	Emmet H. Lewis

The church disbanded March, 1932, the church building was sold and the land reverted back to the original owners.

The antioch Cemetery, which is well kept, is near where the church building was located.

Written by Mrs. Emmet (Lula) Lewis

BETHANY

Located in south Morgan County. Received into Lamine Association in 1906, reported through 1917.

PASTORS

T.H. Baughman	G. M. McClellan
Robert Wood	H. M. Campbell
J. B. Bomar	

CLERKS

Jordan Brown	H. J. Brown
Isaac Daniels	Emma Holst
	May Holst

*Written by Mrs. F. L. Cole, Sr. and
Mrs. Alvin E. Phillips*



BETHEL

Located in south Morgan County. First reported to the association in 1901, last in 1917.

PASTORS

Jehu Robinson
J. R. Southard
J. L. Moon
J. M. Wilson

L. J. Baughman
G. M. McClelland
P. T. Summers

CLERKS

Miss L. L. Campbell
Mrs. Laura Wilson
Mrs. Alice Campbell.

J. A. Wilson
Miss Mae Ziegel

No longer affiliated with Lamine Association.

BEULAH — west of Syracuse. (See Syracuse.)



BEULAH

Located several miles east of Versailles, near where the town of Marvin used to be. Received into the association in 1886, reported until 1955.

PASTORS

J. E. Sims
L. J. Baughman
B. D. Stone
J. W. Williams

J. T. McKinsie
Jehu Robinson
J. B. Sims

CLERKS

C. D. Sims

Isaac Daniels

In 1958, Lamine Association placed Beulah, together with Akinsville and Olive Branch, on the inactive list, and a committee was appointed to investigate their church property. It reported in 1959 that the Beulah building is "to be used by any religious group that wants to hold services." The First Pentecostal Church is having services there and has its sign on the lawn, although the building still says Beulah Baptist. Grounds, building and cemetery are well kept.

BIG BUFFALO

1872 – Located in Benton County. Dismissed to Benton County Association in 1901.

PASTORS

(While in Lamine)

A. N. Bowers

J. W. Gabriel

L. J. Baughman

Jehu Robinson

J. R. Southard

CLERKS

J. R. Taylor

W. A. Taylor

BIG GRAVOIS

Located in south Morgan County. Received into the association in 1879, I. Barber being pastor and A. L. Ivy, clerk. Other pastors mentioned: Daniel Bowers and J. E. Sims. Another clerk was: James Collier. Last reported in 1894. There were 113 members at that time.

CENTRAL GRAVOIS – south Morgan (See Gravois Mills.)

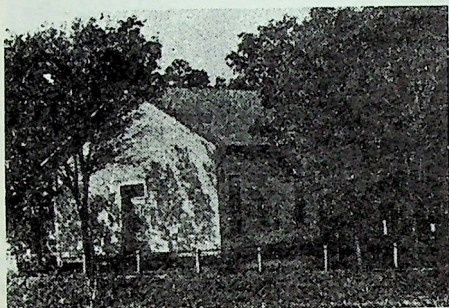


CHANEY'S CHAPEL

Located on Highway 135 south of Stover. Organized 1867. Rev. Ed Sims was pastor there in 1870. In 1888, they organized

a Sunday School; Rev. C. L. Bridges, pastor. They were in Lamine Association in 1872, and last reported in 1878. The building burned – only cemetery left. R. F. Driskell was another pastor whose name we have. Clerks reported to the association were: J. C. Brown, O. Brown, J. Chism, J. O. Todd.

CHOTEAU – (See Pilot Grove)



CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH

On the 19th of May, 1817, a meeting was held to organize a church. Elders Edward Turner, William Thorp and David McLain organized the Concord Church of the following members:

Luke Williams
William Savage
Delaney Bolen
Absalom Huff
Joseph Baze
Charles Williams
Sally Baze

Polly Williams
Mary Savage
Judith Williams
Susanna Savage
Lydia Turner
Patsey Bolen
Elizabeth Williams

in all 14. Some of these had fled from the ravages of the Indians father down the river in Montgomery County, where a church had been constituted in 1810 on Loutre Island.

In June, Rev. Luke Williams was called as the first pastor. He was a man eminently fitted to serve them at this time. He labored with the church about six years, when death called him home. His untiring zeal and sacrificing labors in those trying times deserve our grateful remembrance. He preached without remuneration, traveled on foot over a large scope of territory supporting himself and family by work on his farm during the

intervals when he was not engaged in preaching. Concord Church and other churches gratefully provided for his widow after his death.

For a number of years after the death of Elder Williams the church seems to have been without a pastor, for ministers were scarce in those days. But trusting in God, they held together and bided the time when God in His goodness should send them an under shepherd.

Rev. Kemp Scott was secured as pastor in 1832, and preached for the church twelve years, giving them one Saturday and Sunday in each month. During this time the church had a meeting house and cemetery on the farm now (1897) owned by Gus Reid, five miles southwest of Boonville; but the house was small and inadequate for meeting purposes, and the meetings were held much of the time from house to house. The brethren were poor in purse but stout in heart and strong in faith, and under their leader, Rev. Scott, they triumphed over many obstacles. In 1838, their membership was 98. But other churches were being organized and many lettered out, and death claimed some, and some wandered astray so in 1847 there were only 40 members. Rev. R. H. Herndon was pastor during the year 1845.

Another church which was destined to figure in the history of Concord Church, was organized near the present site of this church on the fifth day of August, 1837. On that day the following brethren and sisters met to organize themselves into a church. They are household names in this community: Gabriel Tutt, John Tutt, F.W. G. Thomas, Alexander H. Roads, Isaac Lionberger, Nancy Taliaferro, Jane C. Tutt and Martha Tutt. Elders Gahon, Fielding White and M. Embree assisted in the organization of Vine Church.

Rev. Fielding White was chosen the first pastor and preached for the little church four years when the infirmities of age coming upon him, he was obliged to give up active service. A small log cabin on the farm of Lewis Lionberger was given to the church and they met there for a time, but the house proving unfit, the meetings were held from house to house. With only a handful of members, as might be imagined, the meetings were often poorly attended. It is often recorded, that only the clerk was present. John Tutt was clerk of the Vine during the entire period of its history. At one time when he was the only one present, he put his prayer upon the minutes. R. N. Herndon served as pastor for a short time.

In 1846, Rev. Elias George became pastor. During the first year of his pastorate, January 25, 1847, Vine and Concord united.

This step was taken because territory of the two churches was contiguous and the membership small, and it was hoped by uniting they could do better work for the Master. Concord retained her name and Vine retained her location and Rev. George continued as pastor. In 1851, a house of worship was built. This was the first house of worship the church had ever had although it had been organized 36 years. T. V. Greer and R. H. Harris were the next pastors.

In 1860, the church set apart one of her own number to the gospel ministry and gave him a hearty call to be their pastor. This was Rev. B. G. Tutt. He was pastor 16 years. This was the period of the church's greatest prosperity. There were some notable meetings held: In 1864, 61 were added to the church, in 1866, 27. In 1868, Bro. Tutt was assisted by Rev. G. W. Hyde, 21 were added. Two years later, Bro. Hyde assisted in another meeting at the Goodwill school house and 69 were added to the church. Bro. Tutt was then preaching at the church every Sunday, the church having in 1868 called him for full-time. The present building (1897) was dedicated in June, 1870. Concord contributed freely to Missions and benevolent objects. Several men were set apart by this church for the gospel ministry. A. E. Rogers was later pastor at Boonville. Others were C. A. Buchanan and Thomas H. Stephens and George Tutt (early called to his reward).

Other pastors than the ones already mentioned are:

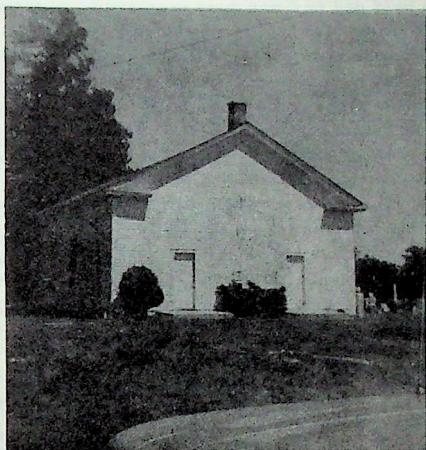
I. B. Dotson	A. E. Rogers
Alexander Machett	L. M. Berry
S. T. Hudson	J. W. Stockton
F. C. Richards	A. F. Pearson
E. J. Sanderson	J. T. Osborn
C. M. Trues and perhaps others.	

Concord Church gave Concord Association its name in 1823. Concord Church disbanded in 1919 and most of the members united with Bunceton Baptist Church. Today we pay our humble tribute to the past of this church.

"Taken from Eightieth Anniversary booklet of Concord Church"

FLORENCE

There was a church in Florence before 1871. Some of its pastors through the years: W. Rogers, B. F. Dinwiddie, B. D. Stone, C. H. Cramer, Harrison Campbell, H. A. Sanders (supply), D. W. Williams, Bro. Baker. Clerks: L. J. Baughman, J. Milburn, Geo. Casdorff, R. A. Cline, D. W. Williams, Miss Mattie Cline, Mrs. Alice Cramer, Elmer Reynolds. Florence last reported in 1917.



FREEDOM CHURCH

During the 1820's and 1830's there were a goodly number of families that had moved into the area north and northeast of Versailles and extending into the Glensted area who were Baptists or had Baptist preference. The nearest Baptist church was some 10 miles north of the center of this community which made quite a distance to travel by ox-wagon or on foot.

On the first Saturday of August, 1844, the following Baptist church members:

Andrew Estes	Hickman Estes
Frances Dolson	Wm. R. Estes
S. J. Estes	Samira Estes
Joseph Smith	Susannah Estes
Elizabeth Long	Martha Estes
Jane Estes	Nancy Cole

met in one of their homes and organized The United Baptist Church of Christ at New Hope. The organizational meeting was conducted by a presbytery consisting of the following: Elder D. W. Johnson and Deacons Furnace Adair, William H. Hatchaway,

Robert Lindol, and William Woods.

On the following day (1st Sunday in August, 1844) church services were held and two men were received by experience (David Bogar and William Sims). The membership repaired to the nearby waters for baptismal services. William Sims being the first baptized by the newly constituted church. The congregation returned to their meeting place and elected D. W. Johnson to be their pastor and David Bogar as Church Clerk. The membership voted to hold regular church services the 1st Saturday of each month.

Church services continued to be held in first one home and then another for several months before the church obtained the use of an old store building from a Mr. Ceily. This was located just east of Bartles station (about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north and a little east of the present Freedom church building). In July, 1845, the church voted to change the name from New Hope to Freedom.

In 1852, one acre of land was deeded to the church by W. F. Long and wife for building site (thought to be across road west of present building - location given from rock to rock to tree of certain size, etc.). Also, in 1852, three acres were deeded to the church by David Bogar and wife (location of cemetery and possibly where present church building stands). The first church building was of logs and stood a few hundred feet west of the present building. This was completed probably in 1854. In August, 1854, the church voted to employ workmen to make seats for the church. This building was, also, used for the community school.

In 1847, the church elected Wm. Sims first deacon from their membership.

In 1848, the church ordained Andrew Estes to the ministry, the first from their membership.

In 1846, the church joined the Concord Association and sent a small contribution and four delegates to the annual meeting.

By the latter 1860's, the church had outgrown the church building and a committee was appointed to draw up plans for a new one including cost. The Plans Committee was composed of the following: James V. Allee, Wm. S. Ball, Benjiman Baxter, Wm. Sims and J. C. Todd. The committee made their report to the church January 14, 1870. On the 1st Saturday of February, 1870, the church voted to build a frame church building according to specifications drawn up by building committee (36' x 50' with a 14' ceiling - two doors in front and one in the rear). The cost was estimated to be \$920.00 above foundation. Lumber was hauled from Tipton and members held work days and donated most of the

labor. The building was completed in 1874.

It seems as the new church building progressed, greater interest in the community developed. A notable meeting was held in August, 1872. Fifty members were received into the church, 45 by experience and baptism.

Freedom Church began supporting Associational Missions in 1877 and by 1890 were contributing to Association, State, Home, and Foreign missions. Total for missions in 1890 was \$83.55.

In 1887, a Sunday School was organized and continued for the life of the church.

Training Union, first called Baptist Young People's Union (BYPU) was organized in 1916 while Bro. T. F. Hanks was pastor. The Union was very active for many years (helped unions get started at High Point and Leeton) but was forced to discontinue for a period during World War II; caused by shortage of gasoline and a number of their young men being away serving in the armed forces.

The following were licensed and (or) ordained as ministers by Freedom Church: Andrew Estes, J. Ed Sims, Jerry Gabriel, W. C. Driver and Cecil O'Neal.

PASTORS

Wm. Woods
Andrew Estes
J. M. Chaney
Wm. Roberson
J. B. Box
L. J. Baughman
James Price
John Letts
Edward James
L. R. Kenney
T. R. White
Ed Manwarring
Bro. Alexander
E. V. Lamb
B. F. Dinwiddie
John Craven
John Zimmer
L. V. Webb
Kenneth Edmiston.

Shannon Akin
Thomas Greer
Isaac Ingram
J. R. Godby
J. P. L. Maxey
J. Ed Sims
Jehu Robinson
S. B. Whiting
F. C. Richards
W. B. McGraw
T. F. Hanks
Ben Sims
Cecil O'Neal
R. W. Manker
Howard Lewis
O. B. Holloman
Ellery Young
Leo Moore

CLERKS

David Bogar

Wm. Sims

CLERKS (cont.)

E. S. Salmon	Wm. S. Ball
J. V. Allee	Joseph Martin
J. C. Todd	P. H. DeVinna
D. C. Dale	Berry Sims
Conway Jones	George H. Carpenter
S. T. Stone	Cora Dell Sims
Louisa Cooper	Gertie Gray
Vera Ball	Max Clifton
Christine Ball	Mrs. Cal Stevens
Mrs. Earl Draffen	Nelda Spaulding
Marie Williams	Audrey Taylor

Changes in the community during the 50's and 60's have been great; many older residents and church members going on to glory, young folk moving to towns and cities to pursue many professions and professional occupations, good roads and automobiles making it easy to attend larger churches in town, etc. Thus a great early rural church slowly lost its position as community worship center and officially disbanded in December, 1969. The last act before disbanding was to help incorporate the Freedom Cemetery Association; so perpetual care may be provided for our many ancestors, neighbors and friends of the community who were laid to rest in the Freedom cemetery.

Written by Lee T. Sims

1971 - Finis Sims bought the shingles for the south side of the new roof on Freedom church building. The Friends of Freedom contributed enough money and carpenters were paid for putting on the roof.

Honored on the 100th Anniversary of Freedom Church, August, 1944, were these members who had belonged 50 years or longer.

(See picture on following page)



Back row—Mrs. R. L. Grey, John Brewer, Mrs. T. J. Sims, Mrs. Mary Lampton, Mrs. Sam (Mary) Mobley, Mrs. Malinda (Thoss) Daniels, Everett Spaulding.

Front row—Mrs. Amanda (DeVinna) Parsons, Mrs. Sue (Sims) Young, Jeff Talbott, Jack Williams, aged 97, Mrs. John Klein, Mrs. Jeff Talbott.

Others honored, but not in picture were—Mrs. Anna Draffen, Miss Mollie and Miss Annie Tipton, Mrs. Clark Stover, Mrs. Orsino (Sallie Daniels) Ross, Mrs. Jim Barnes.

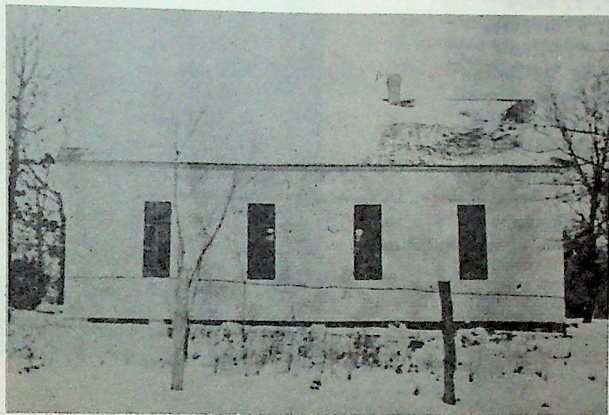
Looking out the church window is Mrs. H. E. Stockton, a member who joined later.

Written by Ilene Sims Yarnell

State of Missouri
Morgan County August 14
Saturday 1844

Being convened for the purpose according to appointment the following ~~the~~ brethren and sisters presenting satisfactory testimonials of regular membership and agreeing to adopt the faith of Concord ^{Association} ~~as~~ there covenanted abstract of principles to wit Andrew Estes, Heickman Estes, Francis Dickinson, William R. Estes, Joseph Smith, Susanah Estes, Elizabeth Long, Martha Estes, Jane Eds, Lemira Estes, Nancy Cole, Susanah Estes. In view of the above named brethren and sisters were constituted into a church ~~named~~ under the name of the united baptist church of Christ at Newhope under presbytery consisting of Elder D. W. Johnson diacon Furnace Adair, William H. Hatchaway Robert Tindol William Wood in testimony we the presbytery sign our names

D. W. Johnson
Furnace Adair
Robert Tindol
William H. Hatchaway
William Wood



HOPEWELL CHURCH

Hopewell Church, north of Tipton, in Cooper County, was organized in 1843. Its first building was of hewed walnut logs and was about 20 feet square.

In 1858, a Mr. Culley had an academy there in addition to its being used as a house of worship. Students came from all around, some from other counties. They boarded in homes and walked to school, sometimes as far as four or five miles. Two students who may be mentioned are: A. E. Rogers, who attended for three years, and said in later years that his best training was received there; and Rockwell Smith, a missionary to Brazil, who began his career at Hopewell.

Once a flourishing church, Hopewell disbanded because some members died and some moved away and there were too few left to carry on. Most, if not all, of the remaining members joined Tipton Baptist Church. Hopewell reported to Lamine Association until 1938.

PASTORS

T V. Greer
R. P. Scott
E. T. Shelton
F. T. Shore
J. W. Stockton
J. E. Dillard
G. M. McClellan
James M. Powell
D. H. Howerton
Zeb Thomas

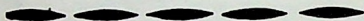
M. L. Laws
Alfred Rogers
J. K. Godby
T. W. Tate
B. B. Russell
J. B. Frisbie
E. J. Sanderson
J. S. Price
G. N. Neafus
U. E. Burroughs

Clerks whose names are available were: John Bear, Columbus Martin, Brent Peters, L. A. Morris, John Arnold.

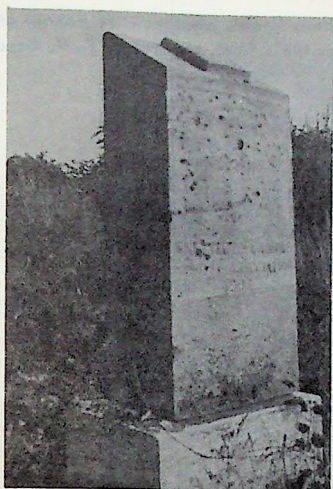
Deacons in 1915 were: H. T. Cox, Alva White, John Bear.

The church building is gone, only the cemetery remains.

Written by Mrs. Alvin E. Phillips



1880, from the report of the Committee on Bible Schools and Periodicals – "Your committee rejoice in being able to report a very radical change in the Sunday School idea among our brethren; they are realizing that this activity includes the old as well as the young, and there is a large increase of interest in the public study of God's Word."



Rev. Thomas V. Greer

Born 8/12/1813

Died 12/17/1879

(on front)

Erected by Lamine

Baptist Association

(on other side is
inscription of wife,

Nancy G. Greer)

Born 3/21/1814

Died 3/4/1873

LIBERTY CHURCH

Liberty was one of the early churches of central Missouri, formed prior to 1825 by Brethren Longan and Woods. It was located in what is now Moniteau County, some six miles southwest of Tipton, and northwest of Fortuna. It was received into Concord Association in 1825. Early pastors were: T. V. Greer, Chaney, Duncan, Akin, J. K. Godby and Wm. Wood. It was at Liberty Church that the preliminary meeting was held in September of 1872 in preparation for the organization of the Lamine Association.

In 1970, Liberty Church was received into Lamine Association. It last reported to that body in 1912. Pastors whose names were reported during that time were: Isaac Riggs and I. Barber. Chas. Kumberg was clerk.

The meeting house in use in the memory of persons now living was a small white frame structure, like most church buildings around the turn of the century. Some of the foundation stones may still be seen (1971), though they have been moved from the exact site. It is known that some Negro people of the neighborhood are buried in the cemetery, which is two or three acres in area. Much of it con-

tains no gravestones, but it is not known whether it is vacant or contains unmarked graves. Lamine's first moderator, T. V. Greer, is buried there.

Written by Mrs. Alvin E. Phillips



LITTLE BUFFALO

Located in south Morgan County. Received into the association in 1889; just reported one year. When the church was visited in 1967, literature was found dated May 15, 1949. Building still standing. The year they reported, Isaiah Barber was pastor and R. B. Bowers, clerk. Messenger to the association was J. F. Bowers. A membership of 28 was reported.



LOCUST

Located in South Morgan County. Received into the association in 1912, last reported 1917. Pastors reported: J. A. Broyles, J. M. Wilson; clerks: E. O. Heppard, Leonard Webb. In 1949, Locust was again accepted into the association. In 1959, "a committee was appointed to investigate the Locust Church situation and endeavor to help it become an active member of Lamine Association if they so desired." The Locust Church was reluctantly dropped from the list of churches in 1960, and though active is no longer affiliated with our association.

NEW CONCORD – See Mt. Hermon.

NEW HOPE – See Freedom.

NEW HOPE

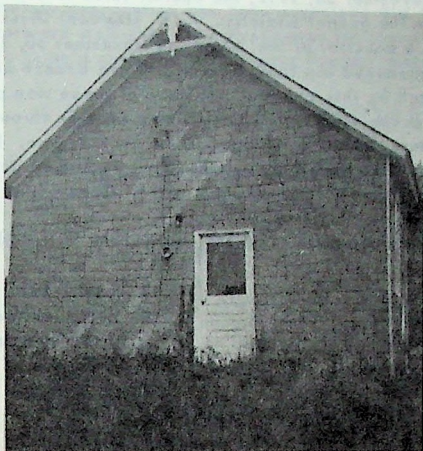
Received into the association in 1894 with some misgivings because of its close proximity to several other Baptist churches-

Beulah to the northwest, Oak Grove west, Gravois to the south, and Rocky Mount to the east. Last reported in 1904. Pastors included: J. W. Gabriel, J. E. Sims, I. Barber and T. W. Brown. Clerks reported were: Miss Mina Ferguson and J. B. Hays.



OAK GROVE

Organized in 1874, came into Lamine Association in 1876, reported last in 1926. Located southeast of Versailles. The building is there, but in bad condition. Rev. Isaiah Barber is buried there. He was the first pastor of Oak Grove whose name we have. According to records available, others were: D. N. Horn, R. F. Driskell, Jehu Robinson, J. Gabriel, L. J. Baughman, S. E. Rogers, H. A. Sanders, G. L. Prather and C. N. White. Clerks whose names we have were: G. W. Chapman, P. H. Padgett, B. S. Gorham, Ursie L. Hatfield, Ursie Hulett, A. J. Gorham, Maxie Marriott.



OLIVE BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Olive Branch Baptist Church was received into Lamine Association at the annual meeting in 1890. According to the minutes it was organized that year by the district missionary then serving (probably R. F. Driskell), assisted by Rev. B. D. Stone, pastor of Akinsville Church. We have reason to believe, however, that church services had been held in Olive Branch schoolhouse for a number of years. Whether there was a church organized in 1880 which later lapsed and was reorganized in 1890, or whether there was no formal organization prior to the latter date, we can not be sure. At any rate, services continued in the school building until a church house was built adjacent to it in 1892, on land given by Charles and Lucina McNeal for a church and cemetery.

Olive Branch reported regularly to Lamine Association until 1900, then again in 1903, 1904, and 1905, then no report until 1912, when it began to report again and continued for some years. Sunday School and Training Union (BYPU) were maintained for many years; we do not have the exact dates.

Some of the names which figure prominently in records of the church are: McNeal, Billingsley, Peoples, Hays, Turner, Hampson, and Williams.

On November 24, 1917, the church voted to ordain Bro. Charles Nichols to the gospel ministry. R. H. (Harden) Driskell was ordained as a minister of the gospel on December 30, 1923. Roy F. Williams preached his first sermon at Olive Branch and was licensed to preach by this church. All three of these men pastored churches in the vicinity. Roy Williams went on through college and seminary, where he earned his doctor's degree. For a number of years, he has been helping train pastors in Kentucky, first at Clear Creek School, Pineville and now at Cumberland College, Williamsburg.

According to records available, pastors who served Olive Branch Church were:

B. D. Stone	R. F. Driskell
L. J. Baughman	T. H. Baughman
H. A. Sanders	G. M. McClellan
George M. Baker	J. B. Bomar
T. F. Maxwell	James Brown
R. H. Driskell (a son of R. F. Driskell)	
E. E. Poe	W. H. Allee
W. A. Bruce	R. Wilson
Bro. Ryan	Charles Nichols
Wilbur Kirchner	Wayne Masters
Denzil Albin	

During the pastorate of Harden Driskell, a great revival meeting was held in which he was assisted by E. E. Poe (1923), when 27 were received into the church, most, if not all, for baptism. This included a number of people who were up in years and had never before made a profession of faith.

We do not have a record of the deacons in the early days of the church. J. E. McNeal and A. J. Peoples were ordained as deacons on May 4, 1913, James E. Billingsley on May 18, 1919, Henry McNeal, J. A. Williams and Willis Hays on June 29, 1924, and Charley McNeal on August 23, 1936.

Clerks have included: J. H. Reardon, G. M. Peoples, T. A. Moon, W. C. Billingsley, Roy Williams, Sarah Combs, Mrs. C. L. McNeal.

Never a well-to-do church, Olive Branch made a gallant struggle to maintain a Christian witness in the community until by reason of death and members lettering out, the number became so small that services could no longer be supported. It has been inactive for several years.

A cemetery association has been organized and the grounds and cemetery are well-kept. A homecoming for former members and friends is held each fall on the first Sunday in October.

Written by Mrs. Alvin E. Phillips



1886 – A committee, B. C. Clark and George Ormrod, was appointed to prepare a blank letter for the convenience of church clerks in making their reports to the Association, and the committee ordered to confer with clerks of other Associations and to submit the blank letter to the American Baptist Publication Society for publication. Also, that the church clerks be requested to secure said blanks, when printed, and use them in making out their reports to the Association.

PLEASANT GROVE

Located in the southern part of Morgan County. Received in 1897. From the minutes of that year's annual meeting -- "The committee to which was referred the application of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, find that it is located where a church is greatly needed, and its Articles of Faith are the same as adopted by all our churches. We therefore recommend the reception of said church into our Association, and that we give it such sympathy and support for a few years, as will be necessary for its existence."

(Signed) J. E. Sims

John Holloway

It reported through 1919. Meetings were held from time to time after there were no regular services.

PASTORS

T. H. Baughman
I. Barber
G. M. McClelland
W. L. Howser

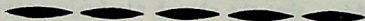
Jehu Robinson
H. A. Sanders
L. R. Kenney
J. B. Bomar

CLERKS

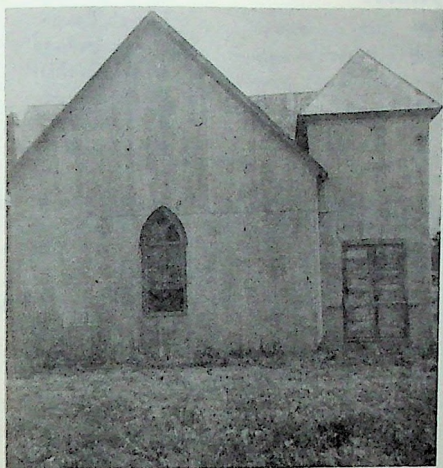
C. F. Rastorfer
Ida Finley
Fannie Farris

Hattie Musick
W. B. Hewitt
Mabel Landrum

In 1929, when ground was being cleared for construction of the Lake of the Ozarks, fire got out of control, and, in spite of all efforts to prevent it, reached the building and burned it to the ground.



1899 - There were 24 ordained ministers and 4 licensed ministers living within the bounds of Lamine Association.



PLEASANT HILL CHURCH A Memory

Pleasant Hill Church is only a memory to most persons now, so much a memory that it appears impossible to find any definite records of the origin of the church.

The earliest record available is that of a meeting in December, 1878, for the purpose of reorganizing the church. At that time the original building still stood on the plot of ground situated about four and one-half miles northeast of Pilot Grove. A cemetery adjoined the church yard.

The Rev. John Jeffress and his wife, Elizabeth, were leaders of the reorganization, and Rev. Jeffress served as pastor.

Preaching services were held only one Sunday a month with a business meeting on the preceding Saturday night.

The original building was replaced in 1912 and the old building was sold at auction. Services were held regularly until about 1920, than as membership and attendance dwindled the services were held irregularly and usually on Sunday afternoon preceded by a basket dinner.

PASTORS

Rev. John Jeffress
W. N. Phillips
R. F. Driskell
John Odom
L. J. Baughman
J. L. Ford
L. E. Hedrick
D. M. Williams

E. T. Shelton
Isaiah Barber
Frank Ireland
A. M. Cockrill
G. W. Stroud
B. F. Reed
E. J. Sanderson

In 1934, the church building was sold to the Lotspeich brothers, so now all that remains of a once thriving rural church is the church cemetery.

From Boonville Advertiser, 1952 and Association Minutes

PLEASANT RIDGE

Located in south Morgan County. Organized and received into Lamine Association in 1889, reporting until 1894. Names available include: pastors, L. J. Robbins, David Bowers, E. T. Shelton; clerks, Cyrus Alltop, J. R. Moss.

PROCTOR

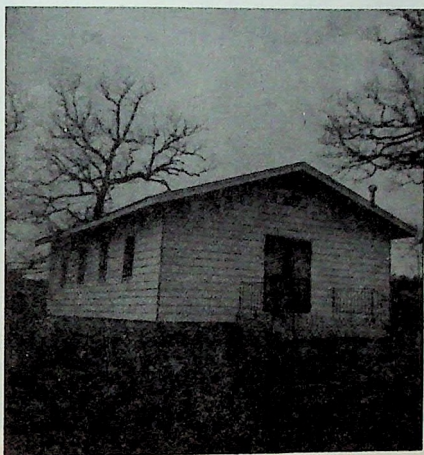
Located at the old town of Proctor in south Morgan County. Received in 1893, when the pastor was Jehu Robinson and the clerk, A. M. Edds. It did not report again.

PROCTOR CREEK

Located in south Morgan County. Received 1879, reported two years - 1879 and 1880. Pastor both years was A. N. Bowers, clerk, A. C. Walters.

PURVIS

Located in Camden County. Received 1896, included in the list of churches through 1912. Names reported of pastors: Jehu Robinson, B. Capps, J. Frank Osborn, John Moon, G. M. McClellan, Robert Wood; of clerks: J. R. Moss, Sam Finley



RITCHIE

Organized as Upper Gravois in 1867, it reported, rather irregularly, under that name 1872 through 1890. In 1891 and after, it reported as Ritchie until some time in the 1950's. Pastors whose names are known: S. Akin, A. N. Bowers, R. F. Driskell, J. M. McCourtney, Daniel Bowers, L. J. Baughman, T. H. Baughman, G. M. McClelland, J. M. Wilson. B. F. Ritchie was clerk from 1872 through 1896. Other clerks were: T. J. Bowers, J. M. Peoples, T. L. Ritchie, W. T. Silvey and T. O. Marple. Ritchie is still an active Baptist church, but is not affiliated with Lamine Association. The late Creed C. Marriott, missionary to China, came from Ritchie Church.

ROCKLAND

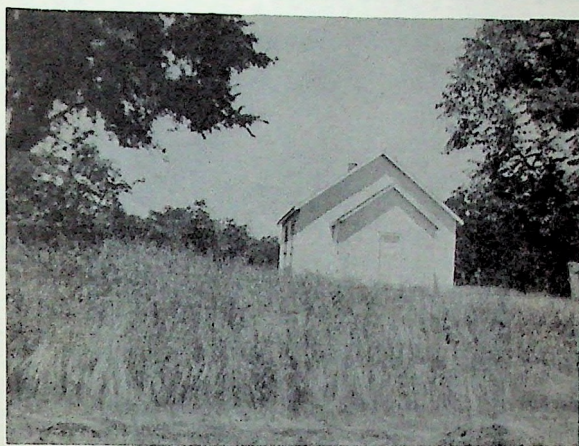
(Sometimes spelled Rocklyn or Rock Lyme in the minutes)
Organized 1888, reported last in 1898. Services were held in Rockland school house northeast of Otterville. W. A. Stark and I. Barber are known to have pastored the church. Frank Cole was clerk.



SALEM

Shown on map between Stover and Versailles. Organized in 1878 and received into the association in 1879. Pastors listed: J. E. Sims, D. N. Horn, Jehu Robinson, L. J. Baughman, R. F. Driskell, I. Barber, E. T. Shelton. Clerks of whom we have the names: Sid C. Jones, C. C. Marriott, M. P. Hughes, E. J. Fry, Geo. Napier, F. M. Napier. Last reported in 1917. The building was sold and moved to Stover and is used for a home. A new home was built where the church house stood. Cemetery is back of the home.

UPPER GRAVOIS - See Ritchie.



VICTORY

1907-1912. Pastors were: C. H. Cramer, H. A. Sanders, J. S. Price. William Cox was clerk. When the church disbanded, many of the members united with Mt. Olive.

PREACHING POINTS, MISSIONS

Woodland schoolhouse in northeast Cooper County
 Buck Creek - southeast Morgan County
 Bond schoolhouse - south of Gravois Mills
 Lone Grove schoolhouse - near Bunceton, Cooper County
 Fairview schoolhouse - south of Versailles
 New Palestine - Cooper County, near Speed.
 Buffalo Prairie - west of Pilot Grove, Cooper County
 Miller schoolhouse, other schoolhouses

May 28, 1898 - Rev. I. Barber was paid to work to consolidate Purvis, Buck Creek churches and Bond schoolhouse and to raise

money to build a Baptist church house.



Linnloff schoolhouse – moved upon the highway and has been Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist since 1944.

In 1905 – Boonville had two missions; One at Bluffton schoolhouse, the other at Mt. Sinai schoolhouse. Freedom had a mission at Glensted.

1969 – During the past associational year, the Northern Hills Mission, Topeka, Kansas, came into being. Lamine Association gave \$1200 to help this mission get its start. First Baptist Church of Versailles is sponsoring Grace Temple mission at Muscatine, Iowa.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher	Text
Oct. 31, 1872	Freedom	Morgan	J. V. Allee	B. G. Tutt	Prov. 11:30
Oct. 24, 1873	Bethlehem	Morgan	B. G. Tutt	T. V. Greer	Matt. 16:18
Oct. 23, 1874	Mt. Nebo	Cooper	N. T. Allison	N. T. Greer	John 14:6
Oct. 22, 1875	Concord	Cooper	G. W. Hyde	J. C. Davidson	Eph. 5:16
Oct. 26, 1876	Flat Creek	Pettis	M. L. Laws	M. L. Laws	Acts 2:42
Oct. 12, 1877	Otterville	Cooper	D. C. Dale	John Letts	Dan. 2:31-34
Oct. 11, 1878	Pilot Grove	Cooper	N. T. Allison	G. W. Hyde	Hebrews 2:3
Oct. 10, 1879	Freedom	M. L. Laws	Jackson Monroe	T. V. Greer	John 4:35
Oct. 9, 1880	Peninsula	Cooper	H. L. Monroe	M. L. Laws	II Cor. 5:20
Oct. 7, 1881	Mt. Carmel	Morgan	Geo. Ormrod	I. B. Dotson	Gal. 6:9
Oct. 5, 1882	Mt. Hermon	Cooper	Geo. Ormrod	D. N. Horn	Rev. 1:20
Oct. 11, 1883	Salem	Cooper	D. C. Dale	A. E. Rogers	II Cor. 8:9
Oct. 7, 1884	Hopewell	Cooper	D. C. Dale	G. W. Hyde	Luke 24:47
Oct. 8, 1885	Antioch	Cooper	D. C. Dale	A. Matchette	Matt. 6:9
Oct. 7, 1886	Akinsville	Morgan	Geo. Ormrod	John Letts	John 21:17
Oct. 8, 1887	East Sedalia	Pettis	Geo. Ormrod	M. E. Broadbudd	John 1:42
Oct. 12, 1888	Concord	Cooper	D. C. Dale	J. E. Sims	II Cor. 4:4
Oct. 10, 1889	Freedom	Morgan	John Letts	T. M. S. Kenney	Psalms 71:19
Oct. 9, 1890	Peninsula	Cooper	D. C. Dale	T. M. S. Kenney	Rom. 12:10
Oct. 8, 1891	Bunceton	Cooper	D. C. Dale	L. J. Baughman	Isaiah 52:1
Oct. 5, 1892	Versailles	Morgan	D. C. Dale	Milford Riggs	Gal. 6:14
Oct. 4, 1893	Mt. Nebo	Cooper	D. C. Dale	J. W. Stockton	III John 1:8
Oct. 10, 1894	Mt. Hermon	Cooper	D. C. Dale	A. M. Cockrell	Mark 16:15-16
Oct. 9, 1895	Pilot Grove	Cooper	D. C. Dale	R. F. Driskell	II Cor. 8:7
Oct. 6, 1896	Freedom	Morgan	Samuel Daniels	C. M. Truex	Eph. 1:12
Oct. 7, 1897	Syracuse	Cooper	Samuel Daniels	C. N. White	Isa. 52:1
Oct. 5, 1898	Antioch	Cooper	Samuel Daniels	A. E. Rogers	John 14:17
Oct. 4, 1899	Bunceton	Cooper	Samuel Daniels	F. C. Richards	John 2:5
Oct. 10, 1900	Freedom	Morgan	Dawson Crisp	C. V. Northrup	John 10:10
Oct. 9, 1901	Peninsula	Cooper	E. Hutchinson	B. G. Tutt	John 12:32
Oct. 8, 1902	Pleasant Hill	Cooper	J. F. Johnson	F. C. Richards	Acts 2:37-47
Oct. 7, 1903	Syracuse	Morgan	Samuel P. Gott	W. H. Stone	Matt. 5:41
Oct. 5, 1904	Boonville	Cooper	Samuel P. Gott		
Oct. 4, 1905	Otterville	Cooper	Samuel P. Gott		
Oct. 3, 1906	Mt. Nebo	Cooper	L. R. Kenney		
Oct. 9, 1907	Versailles	Morgan	L. R. Kenney		

HISTORICAL TABLE (Continued)

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher	Text
Sept. 29, 1908	Akinsville	Morgan	L. R. Kenney	E. J. Sanderson	Acts 9:6
Sept. 28, 1909	Bunceton	Cooper	L. R. Kenney	L. R. Kenney	Matt. 23:9
Sept. 27, 1910	Otterville	Cooper	J. F. Johnson	A. R. Foster	John 3:7
Sept. 19, 1911	Pilot Grove	Cooper	W. Henry Palmer	Millford Riggs	Rev. 3:20
Sept. 17, 1912	Freedom	Morgan	W. Henry Palmer	E. J. Sanderson	Matt. 6:10
Sept. 23, 1913	Syracuse	Morgan	W. Henry Palmer	A. M. Ross	Heb. 12:1-2
Sept. 22, 1914	Concord	Cooper	W. Henry Palmer	W. C. Ferguson	Eph. 5:18
Sept. 21, 1915	Bethlehem	Morgan	W. Henry Palmer	F. C. Richards	Matt. 5:14
Sept. 4, 1916	Antioch	Cooper	W. Henry Palmer	T. M. Macdonnell	Titus 2:11
Sept. 4, 1917	Mt. Olive	Morgan	W. Henry Palmer	T. F. Harvey	Jer. 6:16
Aug. 27, 1918	Versailles	Morgan	L. R. Kenney	W. B. McGraw	II Cor. 4:5
Aug. 26, 1919	Peninsula	Cooper	L. R. Kenney	T. M. Macdonnell	Rom. 6:4
Aug. 25, 1920	Mt. Hermon	Cooper	L. R. Kenney	L. R. Kenney	Rom. 15:13
Aug. 23, 1921	Syracuse	Morgan	F. C. Richards	J. B. Bomar	Matt. 16:18
Aug. 22, 1922	Stover	Cooper	Minnie Cook	F. C. Richards	Psalm 18:19
Aug. 21, 1923	Boonville	Cooper	Minnie Cook	C. E. Hampton	John 8:36
Aug. 19, 1924	Freedom	Morgan	F. C. Richards	F. Y. Campbell	Luke 14:23
Aug. 25, 1925	Hopewell	Cooper	F. C. Richards	C. C. Hatcher	Eph. 5:26-27
Aug. 24, 1926	Mt. Nebo	Cooper	F. C. Richards	H. W. Allee	Gal. 6:14
Aug. 30, 1927	Otterville	Cooper	H. L. Shirley	P. O. Silvara	Psalm 24
Aug. 28, 1928	Peninsula	Cooper	H. L. Shirley	E. B. Calvin	I Chron. 29:5
Aug. 17, 1929	Mt. Carmel	Cooper	H. L. Shirley	G. L. Newkirk	Romans 14
Sept. 23, 1930	Bunceton	Morgan	H. L. Shirley	B. F. Kennedy	Matt. 28:19
Sept. 22, 1931	Versailles	Cooper	H. L. Shirley	B. A. Owen	Matt. 11:29
Oct. 4, 1932	Boonville	Cooper	H. L. Shirley	E. Fromm	Isaiah 6:1
Aug. 29, 1933	Stover	Morgan	H. L. Shirley	R. L. Alexander	Isaiah 40:31
Aug. 28, 1934	Otterville	Cooper	H. L. Shirley	P. O. Sanders	Ezekiel 3:17
Aug. 27, 1935	Syracuse	Morgan	H. L. Shirley	W. C. Broderson	John 1:1-16
Aug. 25, 1936	Pilot Grove	Cooper	H. L. Shirley	G. A. Craig	Acts 2:46-47
Sept. 14, 1937	Freedom	Morgan	H. L. Shirley	H. H. Lewis	Phil. 3:20
Sept. 13, 1938	Syracuse	Morgan	H. L. Shirley	L. G. Christian	I Cor. 1:23
Sept. 12, 1939	Mt. Nebo	Cooper	H. L. Shirley	H. W. Gadd	Acts 1:8
Sept. 17, 1940	Versailles	Morgan	H. L. Shirley	Francis Cooper	Acts 27:29
Sept. 23, 1941	Boonville	Cooper	H. L. Shirley	Paul Weber, Jr.	Isaiah 14:2
Sept. 22, 1942	Otterville	Cooper	H. L. Shirley	O. B. Hollomon	I Cor. 2:5
Sept. 21, 1943	Akinsville	Morgan	H. L. Shirley	R. H. Nolte	Matt. 16
Sept. 19, 1944	Mt. Carmel	Morgan	H. L. Shirley	Bill Tatam	John 21:3

HISTORICAL TABLE (Continued)

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher	Text
Sept. 13, 1945	Syracuse	Morgan	R. E. Kirchner	W. L. Bright	Matt. 16:13-18
Sept. 12, 1946	Bunceton	Cooper	R. E. Kirchner	M. C. Ballenger	Rom. 13:11
Sept. 18, 1947	Stover	Morgan	Minnie Cook	Ernest Waite	I Cor. 16:1-3
Sept. 16, 1948	Mt. Nebo	Cooper	Minnie Cook	E. A. Winchell	John 20:19
Sept. 15, 1949	Boonville	Cooper	Minnie Cook	Alexander Best	Matt. 13:18
Sept. 14, 1950	Versailles	Morgan	Minnie Cook	Wayne Rosecrans	Jer. 6:16
Sept. 13, 1951	Syracuse	Morgan	Minnie Cook	Sterling P. Kerr	John 1:29
Sept. 18, 1952	Bethlehem	Morgan	Minnie Cook	Roy Williams	Acts 1:8
Sept. 17, 1953	Otterville	Cooper	Minnie Cook	Wayne Masters	Jude 1:4
Sept. 16, 1954	Boonville	Cooper	Minnie Cook	L. E. Johnson	Matt. 28:19
Sept. 15, 1955	Bunceton	Cooper	Minnie Cook	Glenn A. Irons	II Cor. 8:7
Sept. 13, 1956	Versailles	Morgan	Minnie Cook	Charles Whaley	Luke 3:4
Sept. 13, 1957	Syracuse	Morgan	Minnie Cook	P. L. Allen	Deut. 32:11
Sept. 12, 1958	Mt. Olive	Morgan	Minnie Cook	Bob Potter	Col. 3:1-4
Sept. 11, 1959	Otterville	Cooper	Roy Johansen	A. D. Gillispie	John 4:35
Sept. 9, 1960	Boonville	Cooper	Roy Johansen	Charles Sexton	Isaiah 10
Sept. 14, 1961	Bunceton	Cooper	Roy Johansen	Morris Potter	Eph. 3:21
Sept. 13, 1962	Syracuse	Morgan	Roy Johansen	Robert Streeter	Rom. 1:9-10
Sept. 12, 1963	Versailles	Morgan	Roy Johansen	Wayne Nelson	Luke 18:9-14
Sept. 10, 1964	Boonville	Cooper	Mrs. Ollie Hardin	Russell Barnes	II Tim. 1:7
Sept. 16-17, 1965	Otterville	Cooper	Mrs. Ollie Hardin	Jack Rowley	Hebrews 11:5-6
Sept. 8-9, 1966	Stover	Morgan	Mrs. Ollie Hardin	Guy E. Brown	Romans 1:16
Sept. 7-8, 1967	Pilot Grove	Cooper	Mrs. Ray Rookey	Earl Clemons	I Cor. 3:1-9
Sept. 12-13, 1968	Bunceton	Cooper	Mrs. Ray Rookey	H. E. Hansen	Prov. 11:30
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Key:

- (A) - denotes an active church now affiliated with Lamine
- (H) - an active church now affiliated with Harmony
- (N) - active church no longer affiliated with Lamine
- (I) - a church no longer in existence
- (C) - a church whose name has been changed

